

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 10 March, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Frank Bruno, co-chairman.

Steering committee members present:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Jerry	Bruno, Frank
Crookston, LaDell	Greenberg, Warren	Heald, David
Howell, Charlie	Lewis, Danielle	Parkhurst, ray
Troxler, David	Wilary, Loretta	

Guests: Kurt Jordan Rick Moore

After general introductions of those present, the following items were discussed:

- David Heald announced that Reverend Bill Wassner from the Port Orange Church of Christ will be the speaker at our General Membership meeting on 18 March, 2015.
 - Rev. Wassner has been working on a 6 step program for churches to prepare for disasters. He will present an executive summary to our COAD.
 - Mr. Heald went on to say that perhaps we could use it to create a template for the business community.
- Mr. Bruno announced that Nancy Keefer, President of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce will be the guest speaker in May. He asked that each Steering Committee member call others on their lists to remind them of the 18 March meeting.
- Pat White spoke about FLASH (Federal Alliance for Safe Homes) and what they offer in the way of Webinars and training.

- Mr. Bruno then asked Mrs. White to introduce Kurt Jordan of the Christian Emergency Network (CEN). Mr. Jordan is also a House of Worship Safety Advisor, Intelligence Liaison Officer for Florida State Security, and a member of Region 5 Florida Domestic Security Task Force. Mr. Jordan spoke in detail about many issues including the following:
 - CEN has a pre-set webinar which can be accessed by COAD.
 - After 9-11, his group wanted to help in disasters.
 - Another group set up what Mr. Jordan called, “Widow’s Mite Foundation”. CEN is a subsidiary of it.
 - As an emergency disaster organization, they are not necessarily a responder.
 - CEN’s primary activity is to teach Incident Command Structure (ICS) to churches. Within this structure they teach three (3) phases: Care, Share, and Prayer.
 - CEN has set up a group of security agents who have all been vetted by the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security.
 - As a result, they receive intelligence reports and go to the local police or other responders to report information to them and help when they can.
 - Mr. Jordan continued with much detail about his group’s collaboration with other faith-based and non-profit organizations
 - Mr. Heald asked if CEN is involved with businesses in the event of an emergency.
 - Mr. Jordan responded by saying that their plans can be customized to businesses.
 - CEN’s training is free. However, he went on to say that a contractual agreement would be entered into, and he could not say what the cost might be in that case.
 - Rick Moore, a county planner in Volusia, interjected with much detailed information on how the county is able to train businesses and help them to be prepared for disasters.

- Mr. Moore went on to say that he will be glad to prepare a presentation directed specifically toward business preparedness and vulnerability status for a future COAD meeting.
- There was much discussion about the level of complacency in the general public because of the fact that there have been no major disasters in the relatively recent past.
- Ray Parkhurst gave an update on programs that the Red Cross has begun such as the “Pillow Case Project” which is used for 3rd – 5th graders to teach basic preparedness. This is in partnership with Disney who provides the pillow cases and other materials. Red Cross gives the actual instruction.
- The Second Annual Hurricane Expo has been scheduled for 30 May, 2015. More information will follow.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM.