



Steering Committee Meeting Summary – October 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the Volusia County Emergency Operations Center by Deanie Lowe, co-chair.

In attendance were:

Pat White, Charlie Howell, Frank Lewandowski, Frank Bruno, Deanie Lowe, David Heald, Rev. David Troxler, Audriana Law and Jim Judge, director of the EOC.

Minutes of the September 8th Steering Committee were corrected and accepted, and will be posted on the COAD web site as soon as the document is edited.

There was discussion of sending a Survey Monkey to collect information from approximately 150 individuals that initially expressed interest in the COAD. The purpose will be to verify skills and willingness to assist in the event of a disaster. Charlie and Ray will collaborate on the questions and send to steering committee members for review/comment prior to e-mailing to the entire group.

Frank L. announced that the Deland Stake Center of the LDS will be holding a training session on the use of Hardware, Software and the various Forms used by the VRC on November 21, 2015 beginning at 10 AM. The address is: 1345 Aquarius Avenue Deland, FL 32724. The set up will begin around 8 AM and the training should conclude by noon time. All are invited to attend to observe and perhaps participate.

Pat and Deanie suggest that everyone who is participating in any COAD event, activity, committee or project keep track of the time they spend and record it on an online log that is going to be developed by Charlie. Going forward, the COAD will be able to report with a high degree of reliability, the hours volunteered to the organization. At some point, it may enable monies to flow to us following a disaster.

Pat is going to try to get a representative of Volunteer Florida (VF) to come speak to us at either a Steering Committee meeting or a General Membership meeting. It would be beneficial for VF to get to know who we are and what we do. They may be able to explain their Grant program for us to pursue, and they will certainly be interested in the electronic VRC Plan that has been developed and should be ready to roll out by a possible January, 2016 meeting.

Ray suggested that our COAD become a member of the State VOAD to further raise our visibility and credibility in disaster preparedness and response.

We need help in marketing the COAD locally and the VRC program on a wider basis. Both VF and VOAD may help in that endeavor.

Deanie discussed the upcoming election of officers for 2016. It was suggested that we elect a Chair, 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Names will be offered at November General Membership Meeting and nominations will be accepted from the floor. It was also suggested that the Prep Team and R & R Team be combined to cut down on meetings and to develop Committees with Project Managers to accomplish the tasks ahead. Those committees can meet as needed for as long as necessary, reporting their work to the Steering Committee.

Pat discussed briefly a FLASH (Federal Alliance for Safe Homes) meeting set to be held at the Airport on November 11th, at a time to be determined. The topic will be on Recovery – Build Back Better. More details will be disseminated by Pat as soon as they are available.

Group Me was discussed and ways to encourage greater participation suggested. It was decided that Charlie will initiate a Group Me message at 7 PM on the 1st Monday of every month. It will just be the Steering Committee in the Group.

Ray discussed an app he uses called Next Door. It is a communications tool that could be used in Disaster preparation, perhaps in conjunction with Map Your Neighborhood. Hopefully, more information will be available at our next meeting on November 10th at 10 AM at the EOC.

Members were reminded of the General Membership Meeting on November 18th at 2:00 PM in the Volusia Room at Daytona Beach International Airport. Nancy Keefer, President of the Daytona Beach Area Chamber of Commerce will be the guest speaker. Election of officers for 2016 will also be held.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID N. HEALD

Secretary pro tem