

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 12 July, 2016

The meeting was brought to order at 10:00 AM by Frank Bruno, Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Beaulieu, Remie	Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Gerald
Bruno, Frank	Clements, Jim	Greenberg, Warren
Howell, Charlie	Law, Audriana	Lewandowski, Frank
Selvaggi, Karen	Troxler, David	

- Jerry Brandon, Vice Chairman, presented the 4 COAD banners which we had made to be used at our Expos and any other presentations. It was also mentioned that Office Depot in Ormond Beach was instrumental in the development and production of these banners.
- A motion was made by Mr. Brandon, seconded by Frank Lewandowski, to adopt the minutes of the General Membership meeting of 11 May, 2016. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Charlie Howell, seconded by Audriana Law, to adopt the minutes of the Steering Committee meeting of 14 June, 2016. Motion passed.
- Mr. Bruno asked Pat White to discuss the CERT program and available grants.
 - As of the beginning of the present fiscal year, Volunteer Florida has taken over from the state to be in control of the state-wide CERT program.
 - A grant is available but because the time-frame ends so soon, it will be impossible to complete an application in time.
 - The Florida CERT Conference will be held in August, 2016, at the Daytona Beach Hilton.

- A basic CERT class will be taught.
 - The HOA group from the Spruce Creek Fly-in has indicated that they want to attend.
 - There will also be “Train the Trainer” classes.
- If we were able to get a grant, perhaps we could do 2 classes of “Train the Trainer” as well as 2 refresher classes for people who are already trained.
- Mrs. White has spoken with Dave Giles who is the County’s liaison with the Volusia Fire Chief’s Association.
 - They will support our efforts with re-starting the CERT programs.
 - South Daytona is presently the only city in the County that still has an active CERT program.
 - Mr. Brandon mentioned that he had spoken with a fireman at our last Expo who gave him the name of a fire chief who is actively uses Embry Riddle for this type of training.
 - Mr. Bruno suggested that we get the South Daytona Fire Department to work with the Spruce Creek Fly-in’s HOA through Dave Giles.
 - There was much additional discussion on developing CERT programs in Volusia County.
- Next on the agenda, Mr. Bruno asked Frank Lewandowski to discuss the Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) exercise planned for August, 2016.
 - It will take place on 2 August at the Union Congregational United Church of Christ – 1050 Daytona Ave., Holly Hill.
 - The demonstration will be from 10:30 AM until 12:00 noon.
 - Florida VOAD will be there. They plan to use our model and then adopt it for use throughout the state.
- Jim Judge, Director of Volusia County Emergency Management, discussed the many activities and classes being done and taught by his team.

- Andrea Brandon, Secretary, suggested that in the near future, the list of support agencies for the Capabilities Matrix and the Resources Matrix be updated since these lists were developed some time ago.
- Mr. Brandon discussed the next Expo.
 - Probably should be in New Smyrna Beach so that we can connect with that part of the county.
 - The Home Depot may host it.
 - We need to be sure that we have sufficient signage all around.
 - Mrs. White suggested that we do it sometime in September because it is National Preparedness Month as well as the peak of hurricane season.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM.