

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 9 August, 2016

The meeting was brought to order at 10:07 AM by Frank Bruno, Chairman.

Members in attendance:

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| Brandon, Andrea | Brandon, Gerald | Bruno, Frank |
| Greenberg, Warren | LaHue, Larry | Law, Audriana |
| Lewandowski, Frank | Parkhurst, Ray | Troxler, David |
| Wilary, Loretta | | |

- Mr. Bruno asked Frank Lewandowski for an up-date on the recent Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) exercise.
 - It had a slow start because of the lack of training of participants.
 - Most people either manned the stations or went through the whole process.
 - The software developed by Jefferson Romney, a member of the Latter Day Saints church, went very well. Mr. Romney is still working on improvements for it. This software is a way to account for volunteers who are working in an exercise or in an emergency situation.
 - Florida VOAD was very much impressed with it.
 - It was noted by Pat White that every time she works with it, she learns something new.
 - Another VRC exercise will be demonstrated to an even bigger group in January or February.
 - Wayne Tracy, also with the LDS church, will be getting with Mr. Romney to present the software to the church's state level to perhaps go national in the future. In that event, it would be incorporated in the church's disaster preparedness plan.
 - It will be an "open source" software so that people can go into it and change it to suit their own particular needs.

- A motion was made by Ray Parkhurst, seconded by Mr. Lewandowski, to adopt the minutes of the meeting of 12 July, 2016. Motion passed.
- Mr. Bruno asked about our COAD's 501(c)(3) status and donations which have been made to our organization.
 - At our 5 General Membership meetings which were held at the Daytona Beach airport, the expenses were paid for by Mr. Bruno. This amounted to \$245.
 - Our COAD's \$50 membership dues to "One Voice for Volusia" was also paid for by Mr. Bruno.
 - There was a donation from Deanie Lowe. This amount should be on the bank statement.
 - Ladell Crookston is volunteering her time as our treasurer.
 - There were no expenses in 2015.
 - Mr. Parkhurst said he will summarize all expenses and donations.
 - Mr. Lewandowski suggested that we get a treasurer who will be able to attend out meetings.
- Mr. Bruno announced that the speaker for our next General Membership meeting on 21 September, 2016, will be Kevin Smith who is with the state Salvation Army. The meeting will be held on the Salvation Army campus at 1555 LPGA Boulevard.
- Mr. Bruno asked Loretta Wilary to forward his personal check and COAD's membership application for the next year's dues to "One Voice for Volusia".

- Next on the agenda was a discussion of the CERT programs in general and our COAD's involvement in particular.
 - There will be a CERT conference at the Daytona Beach Hilton on 22 and 23 August, 2016.
 - Classes will be held for:
 - Basic CERT
 - “Train the Trainer”
 - Program Manager
 - Spruce Creek Fly-In HOA members will be represented at the basic classes.
 - Mrs. White attended the meeting of the Fire Chief's Association to explain COAD's involvement in the co-ordination of the CERT program county-wide and get their support and co-operation with staffing.
 - She went on to say that the county will use up to \$3,000 from a grant to purchase equipment and to support this issue.
 - It was noted that CERT-trained people usually go into a situation before others.
 - Contact is being made with all cities in the county to inform them of the total plan, get them involved, and to provide their support.
 - Jerry Brandon, Vice-Chairman, suggested that we get schools involved through ROTC programs and with students who want and need volunteer hours. Since almost all high schools have a ROTC program, this is a viable option for us to look at.

- Mr. Brandon reviewed the recent presentations that have been one for Map Your Neighborhood (MYN).
 - Spruce Creek Fly-In – Presentation was well received. The CERT program was also introduced to tie in with MYN.
 - Another presentation was done for Mr. Lewandowski's HOA.
 - Slowly the MYN is gaining more notice throughout the county.

- Mr. Bruno asked Jim Judge, Director of Volusia County Emergency Management, to discuss various activities and announcements.
 - They are working on a program with the Red Cross about kids being left in vehicles. The state of Florida has passed a law whereby if a person sees a child or a pet in a parked vehicle that seems in imminent danger, it is legal to break into it.
 - The ESF Partner's Meeting has continuing discussions regarding the ZIKA virus.
 - Weather up-date: So far this season, tropical systems have been located south and west of Volusia County.
 - The next Emergency Management Partner's meeting will be held on 23 September, 2016.
 - Volusia County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) will be presented in Tallahassee by Larry LaHue.
 - There are several out-reach programs being done to inform the general public about disaster preparedness and the hurricane season. These are being done on radio as well as in person throughout the county.

- Mr. Bruno then asked if anyone had more to add:
 - Audriana Law – Met with a representative from Embry Riddle. They are very interested in getting involved with our COAD's activities.
 - Ray Parkhurst – The Red Cross is continuing its preparatory work during this hurricane season.
 - Warren Greenberg – Worked at the VRC exercise and found the software easy to work with.
 - Dave Troxler – Attended the “Active Shooter” exercise held in Daytona Beach. It was well done and is to be recommended for all our members.

- Larry LaHue – Attended the Emergency Management Accreditation in Brevard County. Considering the size of the county and the number of cities involved, it proved to be very interesting.
 - Andrea Brandon – We need to review and update the matrixes we developed for our support networks.
 - Jerry Brandon – We need to re-establish the contact names for the 4 quadrants of Volusia County. Also, he will work with Mrs.White about an Expo in New Smyrna Beach,
- Meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM.