

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 15 November, 2016

The meeting was brought to order at 10:09:57 AM by Frank Bruno, Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Bruno, Frank	Harter, Bud	McGowan, Patty
Carlton, Isaiah	Heald, David	Parkhurst, Ray
Clements, Jim	Howell, Charlie	Troxler, David
Greenberg, Warren	Lewandowski, Frank	White, Pat
Grillot, Justin	Martin, Francine	Wilary, Loretta

Mr. Frank Bruno, Chairman, led a discussion on what we learned from Hurricane Matthew. He indicated that we would also recap hurricane activities at the General Membership Meeting tomorrow. Mr. Bruno spent a lot of time at the EOC.

He is thankful for AmeriCorps and their help. They performed assessments in the county and were recognized at the County Council meeting. The State called and indicated that there would be no FEMA funding and no State funding for them. They were called to another emergency site. When they left, there were still 20 people on their list that needed help.

We are still getting calls for help. We have loaded up Carmon Ungaro with as much as they can handle. Port Orange Firefighters have volunteered for their time off, but they must stay within Port Orange.

There are 576 cases in Crisis Cleanup that have not been handled. Duke Energy gave some money for recovery. Most people are frustrated with the system right now.

Ms. Pat White and Mr. Bruno are working on getting a breakdown of the costs of labor and materials.

Mr. Ray Parkhurst said that the missing ingredient is case management. He gave us a breakdown of red Cross activities.

Mr. Warren Greenberg indicated that the Sherriff's Department is calculating costs for reimbursement.

Pastor Dave Troxler reports that long-term recovery is beginning to ramp up. Volusia Interfaith/Agencies Networking in Disasters (VIND) serves homeowners with no insurance and little or no FEMA funding. They are involved in home repairs, electrical work, etc. They use volunteer laborers and serve residential only. The next VIND meeting is scheduled for December 1 at 2pm at the First Christian Church, downtown. Cases are already being managed and they need help to finish.

Mr. Frank Lewandowski noted that on Dec 8, the Salvation Army will paint the inside of their facility on Ballough Road, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Mr. David Heald said that there were 16 staff going door to door to get people to apply for FEMA assistance.

Mr. Jim Judge reported that FEMA has agreed to pick up debris on private roads. FEMA has agreed to pick up 75% of the 2-million-dollar deal. FEMA is spread across the country with wild fires, previous storms, etc. which is why their resources are limited.

Mr. Isaiah Carlton says that the ERAU Air Force and Army ROTC is picking up debris.

Mr. Justin Grillot says that they are providing training to ERAU students before sending them out.

Ms. Loretta Wilary sees this as a big learning experience that we need to capture for the next disaster.

Mr. Jim Clements explained the CERT program to the Daytona Rotary Club. There are active CERTS in DeLand and Debary.

Mr. Bud Harter reported that the CERT program at the Fly-In is going great. It has taken on a life of its own. The CERT cleared roads so that EM vehicles could get through. This CERT team has grown.

The previous Steering Committee minutes of October 11, 2016 was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM.

Submitted by Charlie Howell, Dec 12, 2016.