

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 10 January, 2017

The meeting was brought to order at 10:04 by Frank Bruno, Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Gerald	Bruno, Frank
Clements, Jim	Greenberg, Warren	Heald, David
Howell, Charlie	Lewandowski, Frank	Troxler, David
Wilary, Loretta		

Guests in attendance:

Carlton, Isaiah	Martin, Francine
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- The first item on the agenda was a review of the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.
 - Mr. Bruno enumerated specific people and organizations who came out to help in any way that they could.
 - The main concern is that there are still people out there who are having trouble.
 - Mr. Bruno asked Pastor Dave Troxler for an up-date.
 - Pastor Dave discussed the organization called Volusia Interfaith/Agencies Networking in Disasters (VIND) which is involved in long-term recovery.
 - There were approximately 17,500 reports.
 - Usually 10 percent are un-met needs.
 - Most are manufactured homes.

- Mr. Bruno discussed the January General Membership meeting:
 - It will be held on 18 January, 2017 at 2:00.
 - The guest speaker will be Jim Judge, Director of Emergency Services for Volusia County.
 - It will be in the Airline Room at the airport.
 - Mr. Bruno asked that there be summary reports from the United Way, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and other groups where appropriate.
 - Jerry Brandon was asked to find other possible places for the General Membership meetings.

- Next Mr. Bruno introduced Isaiah Carlton from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) and asked him to explain the DART program which is on that campus. Mr. Carlton is the president of this organization.
 - DART stands for Disaster Assistance and Relief Team.
 - Their mission statement is: “To safely provide humanitarian relief to those who have suffered during a disaster, while maintaining the highest level of professionalism by training our members to provide excellent services.”
 - Their goal addresses 3 separate areas: training, preparedness, and relief.
 - The first meeting in January, 2017, will be to discuss how to recruit from the ERAU community and how to reach out to the general public.
 - There will be a practice exercise in February, 2017 on the ERAU campus.
 - They will be reaching out to other local colleges and universities to widen the scope and the geographic influence.

- More general discussion ensued on Hurricane Matthew also addressing items specific to improving our COAD's ability to help others.
 - Charlie Howell is still taking calls off our COAD emails and forwarding them to Mrs. White and others in the county.
 - Mrs. Wilary strongly suggested that we need to get the information that is being discussed out to the general public through pictures and a press release which includes specific data and statements from key people.
 - Mr. Bruno remarked that the general public thinks that the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew is over, but it really isn't.
 - He also suggested that *The Volusia Magazine* would be a good place for a press release and that he could help in this particular matter.
 - It was remarked that we won't get help from the general public unless we can use facts to prove what and where we need help.
 - Mrs. Wilary talked at length about her discussions with Diamond Resorts International.
 - They work with the United Way in all the geographic areas where they have time-share resorts.
 - There are 2 in our area.
 - Mrs. Wilary directed them to Pastor Dave and VIND after telling them about our COAD.
 - Pastor Dave has written a proposal and an application showing how monies would be spent and that VIND has the full support of the United Way.
 - The foundation is willing to fund the 2-1-1 emergency number with a donation of \$5,000.
 - This check will be presented to Mrs. Wilary in the next day or two.

- She will write a press release which will tell about the donation and include data about the hurricane's aftermath as well as facts about what still needs to be done.
- Mrs. White said that the fact that we have only 2 volunteers right now also needs to be mentioned in the article.

➤ General discussion continued:

- Mrs. White mentioned that in future we need to be sure that we get the word out sooner when we need help and communicate more effectively with various disaster recovery organizations.
- Mr. Bruno asked Frank Lewandowski if the LDS (Church of the Latter Day Saints) could man a VRC (Volunteer Resource Center) in the future. Mr. Lewandowski said that he thought the answer would be yes.
- Mrs. Wilary asked if our COAD needs to re-address our goals and perspectives. Mr. Bruno suggested that we address this at our next Steering Committee meeting.
- He went on to say that even with all of the work that we have done, there is still a lot more educating of the public that is needed.
- It was suggested that we look at some type of procedure manual and modify it to meet our COAD's own needs.
- Mr. Brandon talked about the need for instructors for MYN (Map Your Neighborhood) because this concept is very important to public preparedness.
- He also announced that he and Mr. Clements have a meeting at 2:00 on 19 January, 2017 at the EOC to talk to a group of people about the CERT program and combining it with MYN. He also mentioned that there is a tremendous amount of talent within this group and that they are eager to work. These are people throughout the entire county. All on the Steering Committee are welcome.

- This CERT program can act like an umbrella which can spin-off to cities within the county.
 - Mrs. Wilary suggested that they fill out a profile sheet so that their individual talents and skills are known.
 - Mr. Clements said that it is already known that one person is skilled at writing grants and another has worked with the Federal Government.
 - Pastor Dave will let our COAD Steering Committee know when VIND has a full-time person to man their telephone and field the calls from people still in need after the hurricane. This should happen in the next 2 weeks.
 - Mr. Lewandowski announced that the LDS is having a clean-up project at a cemetery in Ormond Beach on Saturday, 14 January, 2017.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM.