

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 9 May, 2017

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

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Gerald	Bruno, Frank	Clements, Jim
Greenberg, Warren	Howell, Charlie	Lewandowski, Frank
Martin, Francine	Parkhurst, Ray	Troxler, David
White, Pat		

- Mr. Bruno began the meeting with a discussion of our plans for the next Expo.
 - We are headed for hurricane season next month, and we will not be having an Expo at this time.
 - Perhaps we should plan for something bigger later this year or maybe next year.
 - The Hispanic community did an event out at the fairgrounds. They had quite a few people and organizations on site at their own Expo:
 - Health Department
 - Sheriff's Department
 - Votran
 - All health services
 - Banks
 - Financial institutions
 - We've thought about doing something similar.
 - This might work better than at a Lowe's or Home Depot where people have a certain mind-set and are not really receptive to the concept of disaster preparedness.
 - This is an idea which is open for discussion.
 - This could be done in September.

- Mr. Bruno discussed a meeting of Volunteer Florida in Tampa, and asked Pat White to provide additional comments.
 - This was reported to be the most attended Volunteer Florida conference to date.
 - It provides wonderful contacts throughout the southeast.
 - There was a great deal of interaction between FEMA out of Atlanta and Tallahassee.

- General discussions continued on a variety of topics:
 - The Spruce Creek Fly-in is having a CERTS meeting to inform all of their residents about the program and how each person can help themselves and their neighbors.
 - Jim Clements discussed statistics that prove the value of a CERTS program.
 - A discussion continued regarding liability issues dealing with CERTS. It was decided that the state’s “Good Samaritan Law” will cover any liability in these cases.
 - Mr. Clements has written a letter explaining the fact that liability is indeed covered by the “Good Samaritan Law” which he wants to hand out when discussions of the CERT program arise.
 - A motion to allow this to be done was made by Mr. Lewandowski and seconded by Mr. Parkhurst. Motion passed.
 - Mr. Brandon discussed Victoria Park and the setting up of a program combining CERTS and MYN. He will meet with Mr. Clements and asked him to initiate a call to them.

- There was further discussion regarding the next Expo:
 - Even though the idea of working with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is a good idea, if we wait, we will miss the entire 2017 hurricane season.
 - Perhaps it would be good to combine our Expo with demonstrations of equipment and materials at a Lowe’s or Home Depot.
 - We might have the mayor of a city issue a proclamation along with the city council to give it more public awareness.
 - The location could be at the Tanger Outlet Mall.
 - Mr. Brandon asked again if we are indeed going to have an Expo this season and if so, when?
 - Mr. Parkhurst said September would be good, and it’s the height of the hurricane season.
 - Mrs. White added that September is National Preparation Month.
 - It was also mentioned that non-profit organizations who are already doing their own kind of Expo might be willing to share a table with us.
 - It was decided that we will try to combine with the Hispanic community’s event at the fairgrounds in September.
 - Mr. Bruno will call this afternoon for information.
 - Door prizes such as weather radios can be given in timely increments throughout the total session.

- We have the banners, but we still need a tablecloth to further show who we are.
- We need more of the FEMA materials. Each of us needs to re-order them to increase our supply which can be handed out and to see if new pamphlets have been added. We especially the ones in Spanish.

- Next on the agenda was further discussion regarding MYN:
 - Mr. Lewandowski will up-date the CD video on MYN, either editing it or re-doing it completely.
 - We deal with hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, and floods so the script needs to be rewritten to make it our own.
 - Mr. Parkhurst suggested using U Tube for our video.
 - Mr. Lewandowski will get with Jefferson regarding the software.
 - Someone needs to write a script.
 - We can pull out of the original what we need from it.
 - If we film by section, we can use it as it is needed.
 - Perhaps we can review materials and videos already done by the Weather Channel and piggy-back on them.
 - Mr. Lewandowski will have a meteorologist friend check on this.
 - Copywrite might be an issue.

- Pastor Dave made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parkhurst, to accept the minutes of the Steering Committee meeting of 11 April, 2017. Motion passed.

- On the next agenda item, Pastor Dave discussed VIND.
 - Funding is a major issue.
 - There are 7 case managers working on more than 17,000 cases registered with FEMA.
 - There is a meeting tomorrow with people who have funding sources regarding cases of un-met needs. They include:
 - First Christian Church of Daytona Beach
 - TD and Gateway banks
 - Polynesian Resort
 - Red Cross
 - UMCORE

- United Church of Christ
 - Presbyterian Churches
 - Pastor Services
 - Catholic Charities
 - They will all be at the same table, beginning to flesh this out and will continue doing that and setting up policies and procedures.
 - They are operating off a federal grant.
 - This involves 5 year long-term recovery.
 - They need local volunteers and will be doing fund raisers.
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- Mr. Brandon asked if we have a list of potential volunteers with contact information which we can use when an event happens.
 - Francine Martin, who is with United Way, said that she has added our COAD's name to a list called, "Get Connected" which is a tool used by the United Way to collect information and where people can sign up for specific jobs when something happens.
 - Mr. Bruno has set up a meeting with Hyatt Brown with Brown and Brown Insurance. Mr. Bruno wants to get information from various insurance companies about dealing with the results of disasters.
 - He went on to say that he would also like to speak with Sandy Bishop, Director for the Home Builders, and Nancy Keefer with the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, about finding help for long-term recovery.
 - He meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.