

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Emergency Meeting Summary – 7 September, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 3:20 PM by Frank Bruno, Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Jerry	Greenberg, Warren
Heald, David	Howell, Charlie	Lewandowski, Frank
Lowe, Deanie	Martin, Francine	Parkhurst, Ray
Pillow, Jim	Rademacher, Jeanne	Troxler, David
White, Pat		

Guests in attendance:

Gurartney, Brad	McGowan, Patty	Roxenberg, Paul
Ungaro, Carmen		

- After introductions by all in attendance, Pat White began the meeting with an update on current projection regarding Hurricane Irma:
 - Until the storm makes its turn, probably Saturday morning, we won't know exactly where it is going to strike.
 - The Citizen's Information Center (CIC) is now being manned and handling many phone calls from the public.
 - There are two briefings per day.
 - Activation will begin Saturday, 12 September, 2017 at 8:00 AM.
 - 33 shelters have been identified and are slated to open at 10 AM Saturday.
 - At this point in time, we need to be preparing for a Category 4 hurricane.

- Mr. Bruno continued the discussion on various issues:
 - All cities in the county, the county itself, as well as the state have declared a state of emergency.
 - Our COAD is the lead organization with the county's ESF 15.
 - Schools are closed Friday and Monday.
 - Primary shelters are those that have generators.

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- Donna DeMarsh Butler will act as liaison between COAD and the county.
 - We should direct people who volunteer to the Red Cross or United Way so that their backgrounds will be checked.
 - County offices will be closed Friday and Monday.
 - The phone number county-wide for people with special needs who need transportation is, 386-756-796 x4119.
- Ray Parkhurst with the Red Cross of Volusia and Flagler, continued the discussion.
- Red Cross volunteers are now being pulled from Texas to prepare here for Hurricane Irma.
 - There are approximately 200 volunteers involved.
 - They have established a Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) at the Orlando airport.
 - Florida as a state has been set up in three (3) specific districts and volunteers are being distributed to these areas as needed. The headquarters is in Orlando.
 - The Red Cross has set up 25 – 30 shelters that are being manned by these volunteers.
- Much general discussion followed. This type of forum allowed for necessary questions to be asked and answered. Some of the main points were:
- It is extremely important that each of us log any and all volunteer hours as well as the location.
 - We as COAD will be on the list for Crisis Clean-up.
 - Crisis Clean-up is a soft-ware package where volunteers can log on to sign up to do jobs that are listed on this website. This creates an organized way of getting things done and keeping track of volunteer hours.
 - The primary functions of ESF 15 are volunteers and donations.
 - The United Way does not do background checks on volunteers but the Red Cross does.

- Donations can be given to the United Way but should be earmarked for COAD. Since we are already a 501(c)(3) we can now accept them.

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- Mr. Bruno plans to ask all of the municipalities in the county to ask their firefighters to volunteer within their own city limits on their off-duty hours. This must be approved by their city manager. It will add to the overall count of volunteer hours. Each hour is worth \$22.08 from FEMA.
 - Jerry Brandon, Vice-Chairman, talked about the two matrixes that we have developed which show community resources needed in disasters. These need to be up-dated and will be used for reference at the ESF 15 desk. Some information can be obtained from the United Way's 211 phone list.
- A motion was made by Mr. Brandon, seconded by Mr. Lewandowski, to accept the minutes of the Steering Committee meeting of 8 August, 2017. Motion passed.
- Mr. Brandon noted that if cell phones go out, an APP called ZELLO can be used like a walkie talkie. He suggested that each of us get this APP.
- The meeting adjourned at 4:16 PM.

