

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 13 February 2018

The meeting was brought to order at 10:00 by Jerry Brandon, Co-Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Gerald	Bruno, Frank
Dominguez, Jason	Greenberg, Warren	Howell, Charlie
Jackson, Clayton	Kennedy, Lynn	Lewandowski, Frank
Troxler, David	White, Pat	

Guests in attendance:

Davis, Jim	Judge, Jim
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- Jerry Brandon, Co-Chairman, began the meeting by having all in attendance introduce themselves.
- Frank Bruno, Co-Chairman, made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of 14 November, 2017. Seconded by Frank Lewandowsky, the motion passed.
- Mr. Brandon asked Mr. Bruno to review the discussions of the special meeting of 6 February, 2018.
 - The meeting was attended by Mr. Brandon, Mr. Bruno, Jim Clements, CERTS Co-ordinator, Andrea Brandon, Secretary, and Pat White, Administrative Coordinator II with Volusia County.
 - The purpose of the meeting was to plan out goals and a direction for the next year.
 - There was much discussion about the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program,
 - Appointments will be made with each city manager of the 16 municipalities in Volusia County to get support for CERTS.
 - Then appointments will be made with each Fire Chief so that they understand just what our COAD is doing.

- An example given was the Port Orange off-duty Fire Fighters Union members were encouraged to go throughout their community to identify problems within the city limits. This frees up the First Responders and also identifies problems which need to be dealt with.
 - This would be a great model for all 16 municipalities to use.
 - Mr. Lewandowski mentioned that he had met with the Port Orange people for his work with Crisis Clean-up.
 - We should begin our meetings with Joe Yarborough, City Manager in South Daytona, because he works with all of the other city managers, talking about such things as infrastructure, and perhaps we could “piggy-back” on these meetings.
 - Since one of the main things that our COAD is responsible for is co-ordination during a disaster, the more they respond back to us and the more understanding that we have of each city’s problems, the better we can deal with whatever is happening.
 - Because we had two hurricanes in eleven months, these issues should be on everyone’s mind right now.
 - During the special meeting we talked about having more representation on the Steering Committee such as from the school system, Chambers of Commerce, and Economic Development.
 - We need to also be sure that these other groups are aware of COAD’s existence as well as what we do.
 - There is grant money available from FEMA to be used for CERT classes and supplies.
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- Mitigation monies have now been received to go towards things like infrastructure. The amounts for Matthew is a little more than \$6 million, and for Irma, \$19.6 million.
 - Mr. Bruno said that VIND and COAD each now has 5,000 more brochures, Mr. Brandon and he now have business cards, and there is a 12 by 12 tent and a table cover available for use at our Expos. We already have signage which can be used on the tent and on the table.

- Mr. Bruno also talked about his attendance at the county's Economic Quarterly Report. Mr. Brandon suggested that he and/or Mr. Bruno should attend these meetings. They are held on the last Friday of the month at the end of each quarter.

- Mr. Brandon said that one of the things that was discussed at the special meeting of 6 February was that we should re-evaluate and adjust our goals according to how our mission as a COAD has evolved and changed. For example, we are now tying CERT in with Map Your Neighborhood (MYN). This keeps everyone involved interested and continuing to be working in these areas.

- Mr. Brandon asked Pastor Dave to review what has been happening with VIND and long-term recovery.
 - 39 cases have been resolved.
 - Many more volunteers are coming in the next few weeks.
 - Some volunteers are from AmeriCorps and will be housed by the Presbyterian Church of Port Orange.

- Mrs. White reminded everyone about how important it is to stay in touch with Volunteer Florida and Ken Skalinski to be sure that Volusia County gets what is needed. She went on to say that it is important that we have a representative at the Governor's Hurricane Conference in West Palm Beach May 13 – 18.

- Next, Mr. Brandon called on Jim Davis who is with FEMA, to give a report and up-date on FEMA assistance.
 - 42 households are still in hotels.
 - This type of assistance will end on 10 March, 2018.
 - During this up-date, there was interaction with Mr. Davis, Clay Jackson with Volusia County, and Jason Dominguez with the United Way.
 - They agreed that there is a great deal of confusion as to who can legally share information provided by TSA, FEMA, and the State.
 - Because of this discussion, several issues with which they had been dealing were resolved.

- Mr. Davis also gave additional details explaining procedures, actions, and types of assistance.

- Mr. Lewandowski contributed more details on Florida Crisis Clean-up.
 - It mainly involves the types of work to take care of yard debris, tarps, cutting trees, and mucking out.
 - There are two areas where help is needed: the physical work, and the taking of phone calls where the needed work is logged in and then dealt with.
 - The fire departments can log-on to see where problems are in their community.
 - If we can get the phone numbers for Crisis Clean-up out to the public, then, when a disaster happens, they could call and get help when the phones are open. The numbers are:
 - 800-451-1954
 - 844-965-1386
 - Mr. Bruno mentioned that the more we can get this type of thing going, the less time will be lost because of duplication of services and requests
 - Classes are available to train volunteers for this service.

- Jim Judge, Director of Volusia County Emergency Management, gave an up-date of activities, meetings, and results happening at the county level both on-going and forth-coming. He recommended that we have a representative at both the “Current Issues in County Management” in Orlando, and the “National Hurricane Conference” in Tallahassee which is April 3, 4, and 5.

- Jason Dominguez with the United Way said that Loretta Wilary, a former member of our COAD, will be contacting people on the United Way database to up-date it.

- Mr. Brandon discussed the 2 matrixes developed by COAD for resources and capabilities and the need for them to be up-dated regularly. Mr. Dominguez requested that Mrs. Brandon sent him copies of each one.

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- Lynn Kennedy with Healthy Start said that they are doing a great deal of follow-up after the hurricanes and requested time on the agenda of our March, 2018 meeting to give our Steering Committee a more extended up-date. This will take approximately 15 minutes and will include ways our community can work together better.

- Mrs. White discussed our next Expos.
 - Mr. Judge said that it should be in June so that we can capitalize on the media coverage at the beginning of hurricane season.
 - Mr. Bruno suggested that we do it in conjunction with another organization such as the Hispanic Chamber of commerce. He will call them.

Our next meeting will be 13 March, 2018. Mr. Brandon reminded everyone to be ready to discuss the mission, direction, and short and long-term goals for our COAD this year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM.