

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 14, August 2018

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

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Gerald	Bruno, Frank
Dominguez, Jason	Greenberg, Warren	Gwartney, Brad
Howell, Charlie	Judge, Jim	Lewandowski, Frank
Lowe, Deanie	Rademacher, Jeanne	Troxler, David

After general introductions of members present, Mr. Brandon asked for up-dates from each of our partner organizations.

- Pastor David Troxler with Volusia Interfaith Networking in Disaster (VIND):
 - Financial institutions have 2 projects completed, 5 approved and undergoing roof replacement, and still working 3 more contracts. Funds are exhausted through Federal Bank of Atlanta, but should they get last minute funding, they will be ready. Several clients are waiting to complete applications. (January 2019 for IRMA only; time has expired for Matthew applicants). This leaves VIND with Matthew clients who need roofs that cannot be completed by volunteers because of pitch. Additional funding is required.
 - Volunteer teams: Beginning August 5th, VIND has 8 weeks of volunteers booked for repair and rebuild. There is a possibility for 8 – 10 more in October. Applying for a third AmeriCorps team for October, 2018.
 - The Volunteer Co-ordinator position is still undergoing the interview process.

- Jim Judge, Director of Volusia County Emergency Management:
 - We have access to a new satellite called the “Go 16” which gives Information in real time with better detail and resolution.

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- Mr. Judge gave an up-date on conditions in the tropics. Because of dry winds from the Sahara as well as El Nino, development of a hurricane is much less likely at this time.
 - COAD's new liaison with the County is Jill Hemmerlein. She will be replacing Pat White who has retired and will begin September 4th, 2018.
 - Mr. Judge explained procedures for getting supplies after a disaster, noting that the state is contacted first and then directs the group to resources such as Second Harvest.
 - Mr. Judge was asked about flooding conditions in the county since river levels are so high. He responded that these conditions have not yet reached the point where things like no-wake zones are being declared and all areas are being closely monitored. Some areas such as DeLand have come down to the normal range. WATER.WEATHER.GOV is a website which indicates flooding conditions throughout the state.
 - He went on to explain about waterless sandbags which can be very useful.
- Charlie Howell with CareerSource spoke next:
- The Dislocated Worker grant that is being used to fund people from VIND has been expanded and extended for another year.
 - Mr. Howell is going to some meetings at the Chamber along with Jim Cameron and Tom Cisco, the purpose of which is to re-write ESF 18 which deals with businesses and industry.
- Jeanne Rademacher with United Way said that they have volunteers working on up-dating our resource matrixes, which is an on-going project.
- Frank Lewandowski with the LDS Church, said that they are presently coordinating with all of the wards throughout the state to be sure that all of them know procedures that are currently in use. This involves reporting in on GoogleDocs to keep track of where their own people actually are located, especially if they are leaving their usual place. Then after the storm hits, it will be used to keep track of people who need help.

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- Warren Greenberg with Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) reported that they are working to provide antennas for all shelters, especially Special Needs.

- Frank Bruno, Co-Chairman spoke next:
 - He gave a review and explanation of our “GroupMe” texts between members of the Steering Committee.
 - Mr. Bruno has met with the president of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. They used to have a meeting with the entire Hispanic community at the County Fairgrounds in order for them to meet with various types of companies to get information on banking, mortgages, rentals, health issues with the Health Department, Votran, and departments of County Government all of whom were there to assist. This was suspended last year because of the influx of Puerto Ricans after the hurricane.
 - He and the Chamber of Commerce president talked about our COAD combining with them once a year to have a hurricane information Expo county-wide. Mr. Bruno would like approval from our Steering Committee and Mr. Judge to pursue this idea.
 - Mr. Judge said that he had spoken with Suzanne Larson from an organization called Service Pro who also wanted to do this type of program. He went on to say that on 15 September at Gemini Springs they are doing a presentation. It’s possible that Ms. Larson may want to participate in this type of join project.
 - Mr. Judge will reach out to Ms. Larson.

- There was continued discussion about Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) and CERT.

- The next General Meeting will be on 19 September, 2018. The guest speaker will be Pastor Dave ho will give up-dates on VIND.

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:02.