

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 10 September, 2019

The meeting was brought to order at 10:04 AM by Jerry Brandon, Co-Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Jerry	Bruno, Frank
Greenberg, Warren	Hemmerlein, Jill	Howell, Charlie
Kennedy, Lynne	Lewandowski, Frank	Rademacher, Jeanne
Rodriguez, Jason	Troxler, David	White, Pat

- First on the agenda was a series of up-dates from each of the committee members:
 - Frank Bruno, Co-Chairman:
 - Thanked Charlie Howell, co-secretary, and Pat White, treasurer, for getting the website and donations for the Hurricane Expo and donations during Hurricane Dorian straightened out and everything in good order.
 - Jill Hemmerlein, COAD liaison with Volusia County:
 - Discussed the tropics up-date from the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM).
 - Dorian was a great exercise for our emergency management training and everything went extremely well.
 - Jim Judge, Director of Volusia County Emergency Management:
 - The county is doing an After Action Report (AAR) on all facets of emergency services. This includes how everything worked with Votran, schools, and shelters.
 - The county is also looking at the workings of Web EOC to see how it can be improved.
 - Pastor Dave Troxler with VIND asked if Votran could do a better job with communicating with the public.
 - There was much further discussion regarding preparations of the county and the state regarding this emergency situation.
 - Charlie Howell with Career Source:
 - They just finished an alliance for 121 people at Daytona State regarding educational development and to work out issues with hiring and retention.
 - They are working on entrepreneurial training and are ready to administer disaster employment insurance.

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- Lynn Kennedy with the Volusia County Health Department:
 - Discussed the situation with the special needs shelters.
 - Jeanne Rademacher with The United Way:
 - Many of the elderly need sandbags.
 - They will reach out to the Council on Aging.
 - Mrs. Hemmerlein remarked that many cities have their own rules and she will work with Mrs. Rademacher to make them available.
 - There was much discussion regarding who goes where for a shelter.
 - Pastor Dave Troxler with VIND:
 - There were 148 volunteer hours in August with one project worked on and 26 stick-built projects waiting for volunteers to complete.
 - More than 170 mobile homes have registered. VIND is assisting clients to continue to register with Rebuild Florida.
 - VIND has completed 13 applications for Volusia County-Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CBDG-DR). There are 26 applications that are in process to be completed.
 - Funding for Hurricane Irma is running out due to the two-year anniversary.
 - VIND completed 5 grant applications and one ask from a provider. Acknowledgements and awards are expected to begin in late September through mid-October.
 - Pat White, COAD treasurer:
 - Our bank balance = \$1,848.51
 - Credit from the News Journal = \$162.00
 - Frank Lewandowski with Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:
 - They were geared up for the storm making sure that they knew where people were.
 - Warren Greenberg:
 - Staffing for all shelters during the storm was done and worked well.
- Mr. Brandon discussed what we are doing with Map Your Neighborhood (MYN):
- We now have a complete, county-wide listing of all HOAs, Condo Associations, and Manufactured Home Parks.
 - Mr. Greenberg has the original presentation disc and was able to separate them usable sections.
 - We should let all cities know what we will be doing with MYN.
 - We need help on the actual presentations.

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- Mrs. White suggested that we maintain a dialogue with the cities when we do the presentations.
- Mr. Brandon said that we should re-establish a liaison with Embry-Riddle and their DART program. The ERAU staff have a CERT program. Pastor Dave will connect with DART. Mrs. Hemmerlein will connect with their CERT program people.
- Mr. Brandon next talked about getting a master list of Chambers of Commerce in the county. We have established a rapport with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on the west side of the county. Now we need to do the same thing with the others. Mr. Bruno remarked that there are 7 chambers in the county.
- We will do a planning meeting at the next Steering Committee meeting which will include a list of “lessons learned” regarding the Hurricane Expo.
- Mr. Bruno said that there is an Emergency Management advisory meeting coming up in October for which the county has requested COAD in-put. He plans to be there and asked Mr. Brandon to be his back-up.
- Next meetings:
 - Steering Committee meeting – 8 October, 2019
 - General meeting – 18 September, 2019
- Meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM.