

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 8 September, 2020

The teleconference was brought to order at 10:00 AM by Gerald Brandon, Co-Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Jerry	Bruno, Frank
Buckles, Yolanda	Gillis, Kristi	Greenberg, Warren
Howell, Charlie	Jackson, Clay	King, Bobbi
Korkus, Taryn	Martin, Francine	Rademacher, Jeanne
Troxler, Dave		

- Mr. Brandon announced that a Stetson University student named Chris Rentz is starting a Disaster Response group at Stetson. The Red Cross, through Francine Martin, is helping him with this project.
- Mr. Brandon next asked each member for an up-date on the activities of their organizations.
 - Yolanda Buckles, speaking for Jim Judge, Director of Volusia County Emergency Management:
 - They are monitoring the Tropics.
 - Testing is continuing at the Fairgrounds in DeLand Thursday – Tuesday from 8 AM to 4 PM. Testing is free, but people need a photo ID and to print a voucher.
 - Frank Bruno, Co-Chairman, thanked everyone for all of the activities and wonderful help during the tornado.
 - Jean Rademacher with the United Way:
 - They are still working in the DeLand area after the tornado. Everything is coming along well.

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- Mrs. Martin, with the Red Cross, gave an up-date on the response to the tornado:
 - By the Thursday after Tuesday’s tornado, the United Way, Red Cross, Emergency Management, and many faith-based organizations were on the ground helping.
 - The work was very organized with the United Way and the Red Cross at Lowe’s taking names and information.
 - Volunteers were doing clean-up work on Saturday which is consistent with the policy that the Red Cross has for volunteers.
 - She has called many of the homeowners who were helped and they have all had wonderful things to say about the response.

- Charlie Howell with Career Source:
 - Most of their staff is continuing to work from home dealing with clients virtually.
 - Work done in the office is mainly the handling of unemployment claims.

- Clay Jackson with Volusia County Community Assistance Division:
 - They are currently still accepting rental and mortgage assistance applications.
 - The websites are: For rent – VOLUSIA.ORG/B19RA
For mortgage – VOLUSIA.ORG/B19MA
 - The phone number to schedule appointments is: 386-239-7757
 - Regarding the tornado, they only had one person referred to them for help.

- Kristie Gillis with the Department of Children and Families:
 - They are working remotely with families to get information from them as well as out to them on additional resources that they need.

- Taryn Korkus with the Florida Department of Health:
 - They still have the COVID hotline available for information as well as where they can get testing done.
 - Still doing testing at their sites in Orange City and Daytona Beach.
 - Still distributing masks through outreach organizations.

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- Pastor Dave Troxler with VIND:
 - The first mobile home replacement is done with 2 more in the pipeline to be done by the end of the year. This program is going well.
 - He is having difficulty getting call-backs from the Elder Abuse hotline and asked for help with this situation. He is finding that seniors are being taken advantage of.

- Mr. Brandon announced that the next Steering Committee meeting would be 13 October, 2020 at 10:00 AM. It will be a teleconference and the phone numbers will be the same.

- The General Meeting for 16 September, 2020 has been canceled.

- Meeting adjourned at 10:18 AM.