

**Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)**  
**Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 10 January, 2022**

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

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Jerry	Bruno, Frank	Buckles, Yolanda
Fredette, Michelle	Greenberg, Warren	Heck, Jessica
Martin, Francine	Parkhurst, Ray	Troxler David
Tyler, Tamara		

- After the introduction of those in attendance, each member was asked to give an organizational up-date
  - Francine Martin with the United Way, explained about the jobs done by Crisis Cleanup. They did an excellent job. They used SEWA which is a clean-up company headquartered out of Orlando.
  - Pastor Dave Troxler with VIND said that they are fully operational with the staff and program director working closely to help more than 60,000 people in need. They are working diligently with FEMA to get the registration list for hurricane Ian in order to help Volusia County homeowners in need. Funding sources are the United Way of Volusia/Flagler and the United Church of Christ.
  - Yolanda Buckles with Volusia County spoke about alternative ways to house people. One way is to put a rental trailer on the property where the house is uninhabitable, and live there for a time. FEMA will help for up to 6 months. If a mobile lot is used, FEMA could use it to house someone else. The Small Business Administration has just opened up a small business recovery center at the Daytona Beach Regional Library. It is mainly for small businesses but keep in mind that to qualify for certain things for recovering financially after a disaster, it is necessary to apply to the SBA for a loan in order to get it.
  - Nancy Epps with District Lion's Club of Volusia/Brevard: Hurricane damage was mostly south of these lines. They got a \$10,000 grant to get started, and then a \$100,000 grant to continue. Now have supplies to be used and checked out for a particular activity.
  - Warren Greenberg with Volusia ARIES: He took a short leave of absence from ARIES. He has been working on Map Your Neighborhood (MYN): all 5 groups are in one spreadsheet in the database.

It will now be easy to pull up and start tracking which groups want to do activities and when.

- Ray Parkhurst said that the Red Cross has cleaning supplies also.
  - Michelle Fredette with the Salvation Army: They are continuing to do the 15,000 lbs. food drop for people to go by to get. On their outreach program, they are giving away food, clean-up kits, and other things that people need. They are also giving out a lot of social-type help for people needing it for filling out papers or other types of work.
  - Tammy Tylfer with FEMA reviewed the statistics for various types of assistance for over 64,000 households with 28,849 referred to receive assistance.
  - Frank Bruno, COAD Co-Chair gave a general review of various situations.
    - He went on to say that he has worked with Catholic Charities and there are a lot of MREs stored behind the Health Department.
    - At our next meeting, we will address disbursement of any funds that have been donated to our COAD when Pat White our Treasurer is here.
    - Regarding the Hurricane Expo: we were going to plan heavily this year to have one in 2024, but the County is so busy recovering from Ian and Nicole that it wouldn't work too well. Another organization is planning a Health and Human Summit at the Ocean Center. We could have a table at this summit and hand out some very valuable brochures and information. This also does not preclude us from doing exhibitions at Home Depot and Lowe's like we have done before.
- Next on the agenda was the Election of Officers.

The slate is:

Co-chairs: Frank Bruno and Ray Parkhurst

Vice Chairman: Warren Greenberg

Treasurer: Pat White

The vote was taken and these are our new officers.

- Next meeting – 14 February, 2023
- Don't forget Group Me on the first Monday.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.