

**Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 12 November 2024**

The meeting was brought to order at 10:01 by Frank Bruno

Members in attendance:

Bruno, Frank	Howell, Charlie	Winhoven, Holly
Baker, Danielle	Kilman, Cristie	
Terry-Coleman, Evelyn	Lotheridge, Martha	
Foley, Terry	Troxler, David	
Greenberg, Warren	White, Pat	
Hively, Kendra	Williams, Chris	

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Ms. Holly Winhoven gave a brief report on recent EOC activities. The EOC staff and partners have been working 3 storms in a row (Debby, Helene and Milton). Citizens Information Hotline was busy. Ms. Winhoven gave us a quick review of activities related to Milton. Several requests were sent to the COAD and Frank Bruno and Don Moore handled them. There is a FEMA virtual town hall at 2 PM today, open to the public. There is a DRC opening today at 1 PM at the Dickerson Center in Daytona.

Ms. Kendra Hively reported that there were 400 cases in Crises Cleanup. Currently working on the cases.

Mr. Chris Williams explained how the county is working with Transform 386 for Ian cases.

Ms. Martha Lotheridge from FEMA has been meeting with emergency managers from 10 counties. Volusia County has 42,110 FEMA valid registrations for Milton. \$25 million has been allocated for Milton. Ms. Lotheridge briefed us on FEMA changes. Among them, wells, septic tanks and private roads can be covered. Ramps and grab bars can be covered with some restrictions. Also, you do not need to be registered with SBA to get reimbursements from FEMA.

Ms. Terry Foley reported on VIND activities. VIND currently has 2 case managers and a Program Coordinator on site. VIND has 4 roofs and 1 interior being worked on and 1 HVAC being replaced. To date, VIND has completed 18 interiors and 27 roofs.

Mr. Charlie Howell will bring membership lists to the next couple of meetings.

Ms. Holly Winhoven indicated that the FEMA Training links are in the minutes of the last meeting. It is also on the website (VolusiaCOAD.org).

Ms. Evelyn Terry-Coleman expressed concern about the methods of communicating to her community (Disaster Relief Alliance). Some of the agencies and organizations that have services are not known to the community. Mr. Bruno agreed that it is a concern. He indicated that County Emergency Management does go out into the community. He would like to see a coalition of pastors in the community to help get the word out. FEMA does have a program that communicates with churches. Ms. Lothridge will get this information to Holly. Important disaster information is also posted on the news release page on the county website (Volusia.org). Each city also has their own emergency management departments.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Submitted 01/14/2025

Charlie Howell

Secretary