

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 14 January 2025

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

Members in attendance:

Albrecht, Mercedes	Hively, Kendra	Sokol, Daniel
Brown, Corry	Howell, Charlie	Terry-Coleman, Evelyn
Bruno, Frank	Jackson, Thomas	Troxler, David
Chace, Michelle	Kilman, Cristie	White, Pat
Collis, Linda	Lotheridge, Martha	Winhoven, Holly
Fredette, Michelle	Moore, Don	
Greenberg, Warren	Parkhurst, Ray	
Hall, Carmen	Rosari, Carmen Escobar	

Mr. Ray Parkhurst opened the meeting at 10:05 am and called for introductions around the room.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Ms. Holly Winhoven explained some issues with Hurricane Milton. This brought about a desire to bring back volunteer management for events. We would like to bring a workgroup together to plan a volunteer management initiative. There was a discussion about the emergency management app, crisis cleanup and data reporting. There seems to be some confusion about capturing the data and who uses the data. There was also a discussion about CERT teams and FEMA training for volunteers. It was decided that we would have a workgroup meeting on Feb 11 at 8:30 am at the EOC to explore these issues and reach some possible solutions.

Ms. Michelle Fredette gave an update from the Salvation Army. Funding for rental assistance is coming. Salvation Army staff were deployed into North Florida for Hurricanes Debby and Helene.

Pastor Dave Troxler gave a report on the status of VIND activities. We have 2 case managers, and a program coordinator working activities for Hurricane Ian. Money for Hurricane Milton is expected soon. VIND is involved in long term disaster recovery. VIND will be working with World Renew soon.

Mr. Tom Jackson mentioned that his group had some request from some veterans through the American Legion and they helped to clear trees in DeLand. Faith Responders from the Methodist Church were active around Florida.

Ms. Linda Collis reports that we now have an American Red Cross Chapter here in Volusia County. Currently, we have an office at the Space Coast Credit Union building on Bill France Blvd.

Mr. Daniel Sokol is trying to find assistance with grant writing.

Ms. Evelyn Terry-Coleman expressed concern about sharing information in her community.

Ms. Pat White reported that we have \$5609 in the bank. She also noted that Map Your Neighborhood would be useful if we get hit by a disaster like the fires in California.

Mr. Warren Greenberg then gave a brief description of Map Your Neighborhood.

Ms. Mercedes Albrecht gave a Health Department Report. Until we find a replacement for Georgianne Cherry, please see me for any Health Department needs.

Ms. Corry Brown reported that Transform 386 will be getting \$133 million in recovery funds for Milton. In Community Assistance, we still have some funding available for help with Hurricane Ian recovery.

Ms. Martha Lotheridge reported that FEMA registrations for Volusia County are currently at 45,168. She talked about the unmet needs that will continue in the county. There was a discussion about FEMA TSA (Transitional Sheltering Assistance).

Mr. Frank Bruno talked about recognizing Francine Martin for her work in disaster recovery. Motion was made, seconded and passed to recognize Francine. Frank will get it arranged for the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am

Submitted 02/11/2025

Charlie Howell

Secretary