

## Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

### Meeting Summary – 10 March 2026

Members and Guests in attendance:

Agosta, Nadine	Henderson, Kayla	Peterson, Kendra
Brown, Corry	Howell, Charlie	Peterson, Lisa
Bruno, Frank	Jackson, Tina	Sargent, Kathy
Carter, Lola	Ljung, Lisa	Trent, Maria
Coleman, Evelyn	Lopez, Luz	Troxler, David
Collis, Linda	Lovatt, Jessica	Woodley, Chartonna
Fredette, Michele	Martinez, Ed	White, Pat
Garrison, Dawn	OConnor, Dominique	
George, Kysa	Perry, Karissa	

A big thank you to Jessica Lovatt for her meeting notes.

**Mr. Frank Bruno** opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and called for introductions. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Ms. Pat White** provided the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$11,439.59.

**Mr. Ed Martinez** led a discussion on Hurricane Expo Planning. The upcoming hurricane expo is scheduled for April 18th and is free to the public to promote disaster preparedness education, especially for new residents. A public website with event details is live, and registration is open for sponsors and tables via a QR code or an online form on the emergency management website.

The "Touch-a-Truck" component will feature vehicles from EMS, fire departments, and other organizations to attract public interest. A planning cutoff is proposed for mid-March to finalize the organization and layout.

**Venue and Logistics:** The event will be held outdoors at the Speedway, in the main parking area under a large solar panel pavilion. The Speedway has waived its \$7,500 daily venue fee, though COAD is responsible for other costs like security and sanitation. The space is ample, capable of holding up to 150 ten-by-ten tables. Half the area will be for speakers and seating, and the other half for vendor tables. A box truck will be used to transport tables and chairs provided by the county from the fairgrounds. A map of the layout will be provided. The speedway is using their own vendors, but an exception for porta-potties with the sheriff's department is being explored.

**Power and Connectivity:** The airport will provide a silent generator, primarily for the stage and speakers set up by Darryl from communications. One electrical supply in the pavilion is available. To manage safety, vendors needing electricity will be grouped together on the west side. The registration form asks vendors if they need electricity. The venue has no Wi-Fi, and cell service can be unreliable, posing a risk for vendors who rely on internet for sales.

**Food and Vendors:** Free food will not be provided. Food trucks will be available for attendees, and the contract allows the event to bring in its own food vendors for attendees and staff. Non-profit (501c3) and government vendors can participate for free. Other businesses will be charged

\$100 for a table. Donation opportunities for COAD will also be available. A discussion about vendor exclusivity rules was deferred.

**Public Engagement and Registration:** A welcome booth will distribute a two-sided ticket for giveaways; attendees must be present to win.

**Speakers and Sponsorship:** The SBA has confirmed a speaker. Efforts are being made to get Eric Burris as a speaker. The main sponsorship tier is \$2000, with Gold (\$1000) and Silver (lower) levels also available. We plan to involve insurance companies to speak about premiums and the claims process.

**Mr. Frank Bruno and Ms. Corry Brown** spoke about Emergency Shelter and Community Support. Cold Weather Sheltering: 458 people were sheltered during a recent two-and-a-half-week cold spell. Volunteers have received thank you notes. The Latitude Margaritaville community donated blankets, socks, and towels and will be formally recognized. Teledyne was the first business to donate, and other companies are seeking ways to contribute through donation drives and beach cleanups. Donations are still being accepted. There is a growing need for multi-use shelters for cold, heat, and hurricanes that can also serve as a centralized hub for donations and business support.

**Mr. Ed Martinez** gave an Emergency Management Update: An internal recovery workgroup will be launched to explore best practices from nationwide disaster responses. The team will be partially activated for the Daytona 500.

**Ms. Corry Brown** provided a VRRRC update: Has 61 approved volunteers, with more in the pipeline, who assisted with cold weather sheltering. A summer camp scholarship program is available on their website.

**Ms. Linda Collis** of the Red Cross: A shelter truck was wrecked, and the shelter trailer is being moved to Orlando, which may delay deployment of cots and supplies for no-notice shelters.

**Disaster Recovery (State Funding for Ian & Nicole):** The program is helping 35 families, with 22 slots still available for new applicants impacted by Ian or Nicole. Three homes are completed, and three more are under construction. Application days are held at the Dickerson Center every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. through the end of March.

**Ms. Tina Jackson** of Endeavors: The Daytona office will now focus exclusively on Volusia County, utilizing Red Cross ERA funding to assist survivors.

**Ms. Kayla Henderson** of VIND: A mobile home replacement is nearly finished. To date, they have completed 23 interiors, 43 roofs, and three HVACs, and are assisting people through the Red Cross ERA program.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 AM.

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Charlie Howell  
Secretary