

**Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disasters  
Volunteers and Donations Strike Team  
Meeting Summary**

**November 12, 2009**

Present: Nicole Double, All Faiths Food Bank  
James DuPlantier, Friendship Volunteer Center  
Linda Johnson, DCF  
Jamie Mahadeo, Sarasota County Health and Human Services  
John Phillips, Goodwill  
Bryan Pope, Salvation Army  
Sunie Wood, Sarasota County Health and Human Services

Jamie Mahadeo welcomed attendees and self introductions were made. The meeting summary of the last meeting was approved as written.

**Goodwill**

John Phillips explained the Disaster Recovery Program run by Goodwill. They have an agreement with the state that they will issue vouchers to those who are impacted by a disaster based on the increase in donations made to Goodwill as a result of the disaster. They will run public service announcements requesting donations be made to Goodwill. These donations will be converted to cash to be used by those in the affected area.

John said that the Goodwill can drop off containers to collect donations at the VRCs or at the Food Bank. These sites would not be advertised as donation collection points.

**Canned Media Messages**

Jamie reviewed the two existing media messages with the committee. Discussion ensued regarding whether the volunteers and donations should be mentioned in the same media message. It was pointed out that if we are going to ask for donations of food that the description 'nonperishable, unopened' be added.

**Strike Team Goals**

Discussion ensued on the goals that can be established by the strike team for the next year.

- Keep the awareness of the committee up and try to get more attendance at meetings.
- Focus on disasters other than hurricanes
- Process to screen for sexual predators at the VRC

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**Next Meeting**

The next bi-monthly meeting of the Volunteer and Donations Strike Team will be held on January 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Salvation Army on 10<sup>th</sup> Street.