

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

May 14, 2009

Present: Bob Berns, Volunteer
James DuPlantier, Friendship Volunteer Center
Linda Johnson, DCF
Kathy LaPietra, American Red Cross
Jamie Mahadeo, Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Lois Natiello, DCF
Jennifer Ourednik, Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Bryan Pope, Salvation Army
Dennis Stover, Senior Friendship Centers
Justin Vibbard, Adventist Community Services
Sunie Wood, Sarasota County Health and Human Services

The meeting notes from the March meeting were reviewed. The following corrections were made:

- Bob Berns noted that he was in attendance at that meeting.
- Justin Vibbard clarified that Adventist Community Services already uses Aid Matrix.

New Member Outreach

Dennis Stover mentioned that the committee needs additional representation from the faith community now that Tom Pfaff is no longer able to attend due to his busy schedule. The committee needs to do some outreach to the faith community to increase participation. It was suggested that Mary Koctur at Catholic Charities be contacted. Kathy LaPietra suggested that John Phillips from Goodwill be encouraged to participate as well.

Dennis suggested that a PIO representative (like Dianne Shipley or Crystal Bruce) be asked to participate. Also, representation from All Faiths Food Bank would be valuable to the work of the committee.

Dennis agreed to contact the faith community. Jamie Mahadeo will contact the Food Bank and Goodwill.

Volunteer Recruitment/Database Update

The Friendship Volunteer Center has migrated to a new database for disaster volunteers. They are still waiting for Tapestry to be ready to be integrated as well.

The current list of disaster volunteers was contacted by mail. 600 responses were received.

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Training

There will be training conducted on May 19 from 3:30 to 5:00 in the EOC for neighborhoods and faith-based organizations.

A Volunteer Reception Center refresher course will be held on June 9 from 6:00 to 7:30 at Bee Ridge Park.

A Community Education Meeting will be held at the Nonprofit Resource Center on June 19 from 1:00 to 5:00.

Update on Donations Management

Jamie Mahadeo distributed a draft of the donations action plan for review by the committee. The action items were reviewed with the committee.

- The Call Center will be contacted to discuss the committee's expectations as relates to information being disseminated regarding volunteers and donations.
- The PIO will be contacted to review existing media messages that relate to volunteers and donations and to fill in the gaps where necessary.
- Scott Montgomery will be contacted to set up a meeting to discuss distribution of donated goods during a small event.
- Contact numbers need to be identified for those agencies listed in the document.

Jamie asked for volunteers who might be interested in working on this document.

Next Meeting

The next bi-monthly meeting of the Volunteer and Donations Strike Team will be held on August 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the Salvation Army on 10th Street.