

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

January 14, 2010

Present: Nicole Double, All Faiths Food Bank
James DuPlantier, Friendship Volunteer Center
Linda Johnson, DCF
Kathy LaPietra, Red Cross
Jamie Mahadeo, Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Bryan Pope, Salvation Army
Gary Valinski, Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Justin Vibbard, Adventist Community Services

Jamie Mahadeo welcomed attendees and self introductions were made. The meeting summary of the last meeting was approved as written. James DuPlantier requested that Jamie email the VDST copies of the two media messages that were distributed at the last meeting.

Haiti Response

Brian Pope updated the group on the Salvation Army's efforts to respond to the disaster in Haiti. They are accepting monetary donations at this time. 100% of these donations go to Haiti.

Training Needs

Justin Vibbard offered to do an abbreviated free training for volunteers regarding donations collections centers. They usually provide a seven hour course that goes into the minute details of operating a collections center. This is done at a cost to ACS. The volunteers we are talking about training probably won't need to get into that much detail and won't need to be credentialed.

James DuPlantier noted that we need to set the dates for the three annual trainings that Friendship Volunteer Center coordinates: VRC training for volunteers, faith-based and neighborhood training in the EOC, and community disaster training through the Nonprofit Resource Center.

Jamie noted that the EOC has an annual disaster drill as well as does HHS Ops. We don't have any information on those at this time.

Kathy LaPietra noted that there are some Red Cross trainings that can be taken on line if anyone is interested.

Next Meeting

The next bi-monthly meeting of the Volunteer and Donations Strike Team will be held on March 11, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Salvation Army on 10th Street.