

Citizen Corps Meeting Minutes July 18, 2018

Opening Ceremonies

Citizen Corps Mission Statement:

The Orange County Citizen Corps empowers every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make Orange County, Florida a safer, stronger, and better prepared community that is resilient to all threats from terrorism, crime, and public health concerns.

Attendees:

Carmen Torres, Chair, District 5 Representative	Samantha Bellar, District 2 Representative
Stephan DeLucca, Mayor Representative	Dennis Last, District 4 Representative
Allen Hirschkorn, District 3 Representative	Carlos Durden, Emergency Management
Judith Duclot-Fletcher, District 6 Representative	

This meeting was called to order at 9:41 a.m. by Chair Carman Torres. The Mission statement was read by Chair Torres and all in attendance stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

All attendees read over the meeting minutes from June 20, 2018; quorum was met. Mr. Last moved that June minutes be approved. This movement was seconded by Mr. DeLucca, and was accepted by the Council.

Current Business

Hurricane Update 2018

Mr. Durden provided a 2018 preparedness update to the council. The topics covered was the 2018 hurricane season, tornado safety, lightening awareness, how to make a plan and shelter information. He also briefly talked about the people with special needs registry and provided a phone number contact.

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Faith Based Breakfast

Mrs. Torres provided an update for the 2018 Faith Based breakfast. She confirmed the date is set for August 15th at Second Harvest Food Bank. The agenda was covered in detail with the two additional guest speakers being confirmed unanimously by the Council. The four guest speakers are a representative from Orange County Emergency Management, the Long Term Recovery Group, Rabbi Dubov and Reverend Rodriquez. Second Harvest Food Bank would also give an overview. This year's theme of Preparedness is Everyone's Responsibility" with a subtheme of "Equipped to Assist" was approved. Mr. Durden reminded the council that they will need to be in place by 0830 on August 15.

Grant Funds

Mr. Durden briefed that Volunteer Florida lost most of its funds this year for Citizen Corps and CERT grants for the state. He mentioned that Volunteer Florida only received \$120,000 total for the year to cover both grants. Mr. Durden let the council know that they received \$5,000 for CERT and \$0.00 for Citizen Corps.

Agenda Suggestions

Mr. Durden made the council aware that if they have anything they need to discuss or want added, email Mr. Durden with enough time for it to make it on the agenda.

Announcements

District Comments:

District 3, Gulfstream Harbor is having 50 smoke detector installed on July 21, 2018 District 5 will back two Back to School Give-Aways, one at the Orlando Magic Rec gym July 21 and one at the Bithlo Community Center July 28th. District 6 will have its Back to School July 28th at Barnett Park. District 4 will have its Back to School August 4th at Taft Community Center. Orlando Police Department is having a "Shred" event free to the public July 21, 2018

No Public Comments:

Meeting Adjourned: 11:05am.

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