



## Citizen Corps Meeting Minutes October 17, 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	Dennis Last, District 4 Representative
Jaime Halscott, Mayor Representative	Carlos Durden, Emergency Management
Allen Hirschhorn, District 3 Representative	Judith Duclot-Fletcher, District 6 Representative

This meeting was called to order at 9:34 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 July 18, 2018; quorum was met. Mr. Halscott moved that July minutes be approved. This movement was seconded by Mr. Hirschhorn, and was accepted by the Council.

### Current Business

#### **Hurricane Update 2018**

Mr. Durden provided a 2018 preparedness update to the council. The topics covered were Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael. Mr. Durden talked about the importance of preparedness and taking all the alerts seriously. He shared stats from Hurricane Florence and talked about the response actions taking place for Hurricane Michael.

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### **Faith Based Breakfast After Action**

Mr. Durden briefed that this year's Faith Based Breakfast "Preparedness is Everyone's Responsibility" with a subtheme of "Equipped to Assist" was a huge success. The team briefly talked about the pros of having it again at Second Harvest Food Bank. More information to follow about next year's breakfast.

### **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.

### **November Meeting**

The Council voted unanimously to cancel the November meeting. The meeting was scheduled the day before Thanksgiving. The meeting will resume in December.

### **Announcements**

#### **District Comments:**

District 3, Mr. Hirschhorn talked about an event he had in Gulfstream Harbor on October 4<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned the event was a huge success and involved many first responders and Walgreens gave out free flu shots to the seniors.

District 4, Mr. Last participated in his community National Night Out. He suggested that next year, the Citizen Corps Council get more involved with the event.

No Public Comments:

Meeting Adjourned: 10:10am.

Next Meeting: December 19, 2018

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