

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BOARD
MEETING
MAY 21, 2008
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
2801 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, Florida**

MINUTES

Members Present:

Charles Johnson
Manuel Mariño
Mark E. Meranda
Garth Parker
Doug Austin
Ed Boen
Francisco Cuello
Jeff Devin
Richard Martin
Bennett Taylor
Gen. James T. Hill
Danny Rosario
James Smith
Ricardo Perez
Raymond Poblocki
Douglas Hafner
Lane Jaslow

Appointed By:

Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II
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Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
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Comm. Maria Anderson
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Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
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Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
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Staff:

Dona M. Lubin, Assistant City Manager
Walter R. Reed, Fire Chief
Marc E. Stolzenberg, Deputy Fire Chief
Betty Mendoza, Administrative Assistant

1. Chief Reed opened the meeting by welcoming all present. A sign-up sheet with all phone numbers and addresses was passed around for updating. A brief introduction of all in attendance took place.
2. Ms. Lubin conducted a power point presentation of the history of the Emergency Management Board referencing Florida State Statute (Chapter 22) which mandates the selection of board members. Also referenced was City of Coral Gables Resolution which further reflected Florida State Statute and defined the role of the board members. Ms. Lubin then presented the City's Succession Plan which would take effect in the event that any officer is

unavailable. Lists of the emergency interim successors were presented specifying their order of succession.

3. Chief Reed gave an overview on community hazards, how we are affected, and how we can prepare for them.
4. Chief Stolzenberg gave a brief presentation of the Rescue Recon Teams, their function and goals which is the opening of major arteries and feeder streets after the storm, while assessing damage and possible injuries.
5. Ms. Lubin and Chief Reed presented the Neighborhood Information Center (NICE) responsibilities and their interest in board member active participation. A discussion followed with various members pertaining to their role within these centers, the liaison with the community and neighborhood. Ms. Lubin explained that the NICE centers are not activated in every storm; only in catastrophic circumstances. City employees will be in charge of the NICE centers.
6. Chief Reed discussed various programs:
 - Special Needs – we coordinate with Miami-Dade County who maintains a master list. Locally, Coral Gables Parks & Recreation Elderly Affairs assists in time of need. Police and Fire work with both to insure the safety of our special needs residents. The new “Alert” Notification Door Hanger was presented.
 - The High Rise Accountability Program was introduced and discussed. This program has a designated person in a high rise conduct a survey after the storm to verify occupant status and needs.
 - Chief Reed emphasized the importance of emergency training for board members and discussed various training opportunities offered on-line. The IS 100, 200, 700, and 800 training is available at:
<http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>
After completion of these courses, the IS 300 and 400 can be scheduled which are hands on courses of 16 hours.
 - The Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) training class was also discussed.

A questionnaire will be sent out to board members to find out if there is any interest in pursuing these training opportunities.

7. Q & A followed.

