

## Volusia County Government Activities October 8 – 14, 2022

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Library:** All Volusia County Library branches are open with minimal damage, except for the John H. Dickerson Heritage Library on Keech Street in Daytona Beach. The Dickerson Library was flooded and will be closed indefinitely for restoration. In the meantime, a modular unit will be set up in the parking lot as a temporary replacement. The modular unit will allow Library Services to provide public access computers, Wi-Fi, and a small collection of materials to meet the library needs in this community while the building is being restored. Staff in library branches continue to assist citizens impacted by the hurricane apply for FEMA benefits and locate other assistance. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at [LColee@volusia.org](mailto:LColee@volusia.org)

### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Staff are continuing to keep the Public Information Network (PIN) webpage up to date with the latest after-the-storm information and available resources. Staff acquired video footage of storm-related damage for future Community Information activities. Many collaborative efforts continue with various county divisions during the recovery phase of Hurricane Ian. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### OCEAN CENTER

The American Red Cross shelter operations continue to operate out of the Ocean Center exhibit hall. Ocean Center staff is available for any needs that arise, and the building is staffed 24 hours a day in support of the operations. Team Rubicon, an international non-government organization specializing in disaster response, began operating out of the Ocean Center Oct. 10. The group is using meeting rooms 203 and 204 for sleeping and meeting quarters, as well as a portion of the exhibit hall loading dock and south dock for equipment storage. Team Rubicon is expected to be stationed out of the facility through Oct. 26. The American Professional Dog Trainers begin move-in Oct. 17, for their annual conference taking place Oct. 19-21. This is the first time the group will hold their event at the facility. APDT will use the arena, ballroom and first-floor meeting rooms. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at [triddle@volusia.org](mailto:triddle@volusia.org).

### PUBLIC PROTECTION

**Animal Services:** Animal Services received six pallets of dog/cat food which were distributed to the Osteen Community Center and Station 22 in Oak Hill for immediate distribution. On Oct. 7, two additional pallets of pet food were delivered to Animal Services from First Coast Homeless Pets in Jacksonville. Animal Control Officers continue damage assessment and are responding to injured/trapped animal calls as a result of Hurricane Ian. VCAS has received additional truckloads of pet food and supplies, which has been given out to citizens impacted by Hurricane Ian. It was also shared with local humane societies for their citizens in need. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, (386) 822-3506.

**Beach Safety:** Beach Safety installed conservation poles from Crawford north to jetty and Beach Street, south to jetty, in an effort to get the beach open to vehicles in those areas. Conservation poles



were installed from ISB to Botefuhr Avenue and were able to open the area to driving at low tide on Oct. 12. Beach Safety also installed poles as caution barriers to severely damaged seawalls. They are continuing to provide staff for the shelter at the Ocean Center. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

**Corrections:** Corrections provided over 25,000 sandbags to disadvantaged areas and are continuing to provide sandbags (3,500+) in anticipation of St. John River flooding. For more information, contact Acting Division Director Warden Steven Smith, (386) 254-1570.

**Emergency Management:** Staff are continuing to coordinate recovery efforts through local, state, and federal efforts. The Citizen's Information Center (CIC) which was discontinued on Oct. 11. All calls are now being routed to Emergency Management's main number (386) 254-1500 during normal business hours. Staff continue to communicate with the shelter to assist with unmet needs. Staff are working with other Public Protection Divisions to assist the residents who call into the CIC with food, water, pet supplies, sandbags, and other needs. The collection of data for post storm needs for the entire community. For more information, contact Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

**Emergency Medical Services:** Related to Hurricane Ian, staff assisted with the evacuation of Seaside Health and Rehabilitation (approx. 65 evacuees). Staff responded to higher than usual call volume in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Ian. AT-1 assisted with moving non-emergency special needs residents to the Ocean Center from the outlying shelters and residences as needed. Staff has been working with facilities and contractors to begin to repair and mitigate further damage to the EMS Building in Holly Hill. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

**Fire Rescue:** As Hurricane Ian approached the county, VCFR established the Fire Operations Center (FOC) located at Station 15. The FOC was staffed with VCFR personnel to conduct command and coordination among VCFR units and the surrounding municipalities. VCFR personnel attended local and state meetings to ensure the response preparations and response needs were being accomplished. VCFR's FOC monitored weather conditions and established the response criteria for incident response not only for the county, but with the other fire departments within the county. During and after the storm VCFR personnel filled ESF 4, 9, & 10 positions at the EOC for coordinated responses and resource requests. Fire Station 12 (at 1979 Taylor Rd) received approximately two feet of water inside the station. This forced Station 12 personnel and the apparatus to relocate to Station 17 (Airport) for coverage and safety. After the storm, VCFR assisted with water rescues throughout the county, rescuing over 50 people from flooded areas. Assisted with fire and EMS response coverage in heavily flooded areas such as Port Orange and New Smyrna Beach. Established a sandbag location at Station 34. For more information, contact Interim Fire Chief Joe King, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12909.