

Team: North Port CHAT

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Time: 4:30pm

Place: North Port Police Department, 4980 City Hall Blvd, North Port, FL 34286

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Meeting Goal(s)

Review emergency preparedness recommendations

Summary

- Richard Berman, Emergency Management Administrator for the City of North Port (rberman@cityofnorthport.com) stressed the importance of being prepared as hurricane and storm season approaches; National Hurricane Center places a greater emphasis on storm surge, particularly for our region
- Berman reviewed: Disaster Planning Guide and Shelters & evacuation zones: <https://ags2.scgov.net/knowyourzone/>
- Berman also reviewed "Stay or Go?" guides which are available in English, Spanish and Ukrainian and Russian: <http://www.cityofnorthport.com/index.aspx?page=451>
- The City of North Port has a telephone notification - CodeRED community notification system - which calls the landline/home phone numbers contained in its database, which is provided by Verizon Communications.
- If you prefer to be notified on your cellular phone, go to www.cityofnorthport.com, scroll to the bottom of the home page to "Community Notification System" and follow prompts to register your cell number. Those without Internet access may call North Port Fire Rescue at (941) 240-8150, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and supply their information over the phone.
- Berman recommended Alert Radios with SAME capability (able to program the county you are in); approximate cost \$30