



## **WHAT IS THE HURRICANE RESPONSE TEAM?**

The Venetian Golf and River Club *Hurricane Response Team* (HRT) was created, (and is sponsored and funded), by the Community Association to provide post hurricane services and hurricane preparation education to the VGRC Community. The team works with members of the CDD, the POA and the HOA in the provision of the services.

## **WHAT ARE THE TEAMS AND WHO SERVES AS TEAM MEMBERS?**

The team is made up of volunteers from the VGRC community who have undergone annual training and who are willing, if available, to be called **up** when a hurricane is imminent and **out** after a hurricane impacts our neighborhood.

There are three (3) teams for which VGRC members may volunteer: (1) Security (2) General Assessment (3) Reach Out team. All team members are Good Will Ambassadors to the residents of the VGRC community and as such, will provide support to community. The *Security team* members will provide services at the front gate after the regular security guards leave the premises prior to the hurricane and after the hurricane when it becomes safe to do so until the guards return. The *General Assessment* team will survey damage to the homes and the subdivision to determine the extent of the damage and to interact with members of the community with the intent to provide information as it is received. The *Reach Out* team will check on community members who may be alone, have special medical needs and have asked for the team to contact or visit them after the hurricane. We also need a *Support Team which provides communication, education, and clerical services.*

## **WHAT INFORMATION DOES THE HRT PROVIDE TO THE COMMUNITY?**

The HRT provides hurricane information and education to the community through written materials and community hurricane preparation meetings. Materials will be available in the lobby of the River Club and links to the hurricane preparation and response materials will be made available through email and through *Parcels from Paradise*, the Community Association newsletter. A community "Hurricane Preparation" meeting is held at the River Club in June.

## **HOW DO I JOIN THE TEAM?**

You must complete an application form that indicates an interest in being on the team and any special skills, including communication, public relations, excel spreadsheet knowledge and a desire to work with others. Please contact Mary Rau-Foster, the HRT coordinator, for the application: [maryraufoster@gmail.com](mailto:maryraufoster@gmail.com) Cell: 615-481-9761.