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RESOLUTION

of the
ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
regarding the
ORANGE COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

Resolution No. 2004 - M-45

WHEREAS, Orange County has adopted a countywide emergency response plan; and

WHEREAS, Orange County is committed to emergency preparedness, crime prevention and disaster planning; and

WHEREAS, Orange County is equally committed to encouraging citizen activism; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has created a national Citizen Corps program; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues and disasters of all kinds; and

WHEREAS, Orange County has been the recipient of Citizen Corps funding through the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the purpose of establishing a local Citizen Corps.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1. The Orange County Citizen Corps Council (“the Council”) is created to assist in the efforts of training and educating citizens on emergency preparedness, crime prevention and disaster planning.

Section 2. Duties. The primary objectives of Citizen Corp Council is to:

- a. Match the needs of first responders with the skills and abilities of

volunteers to make their families, homes and communities safer from the threats of terrorism, crime and disasters.

b. Educate the public on safety, help citizens take an active role in protecting themselves from harm and teach citizens what to do in the event of a crisis.

c. Spearhead efforts to offer citizens new and existing volunteer opportunities, educational information and training courses to address crime, terrorism and natural disaster risks.

d. Promote all Citizen Corps programs and activities across the community.

e. Capture innovative practices and report accomplishments that can be replicated in other communities nationwide.

f. Survey the community to assess increased awareness and participation.

Section 3. Exemption.

a. The Council is not an advisory board as defined in section 2-203, Orange County Code, and is exempt from requirements of sections 2-203(a)(1) and (2).

Section 4. Membership.

a. The membership of the Council shall include representation from Orange County. The County will endeavor to appoint individuals from the municipal jurisdictions within Orange County.

b. The Council shall include nine (9) members. Three (3) members shall be appointed by the County Chairman, and one (1) member shall be appointed by each County Commissioner. Each appointment by a County Commissioner or the County Chairman shall take effect only if confirmed by vote of the Board of County Commissioners ("the Board"). The County Chairman shall appoint the Council Chairperson for the first two (2) year term.

Thereafter, the Council shall elect the Council Chairperson from among its members. If an appointment by any County Commissioner or by the County Chairman fails to attain confirmation by the Board, then a new appointment shall be made by the same County Commissioner or by the County Chairman, as applicable, and the new appointment shall likewise require confirmation by the Board. Members shall serve a two (2) year term.

c. The terms of office of members of the Council shall begin on January 1, 2005, and be for two (2) years and shall expire at midnight of December 31 of even numbered years. Each member shall serve until his or her successor is chosen, and all members serve at the pleasure of the Board and may be removed without cause and without entitlement to a hearing upon a vote of five (5) members of the Board. Any member appointed to fill an unexpired term shall complete that term and only be eligible for one additional two (2) year term. No member may serve more than two (2) consecutive (2) year terms

Section 5. Committees.

a. There shall be four standing committees of the Council, which are:

1. Recruitment
2. Advertising
3. Event Planning, and
4. Program Evaluation

b. The membership of the committees shall include citizens and representation from the following, as appropriate:

1. Local elected officials or government agencies;
2. Emergency response or first responder agencies;
3. Community service and faith-based organizations;

4. Neighborhood and civic organizations;
5. Local media; and
6. Representatives of various diverse demographic sectors such as youth, elderly and minority.

c. Each committee shall be chaired by a member of the Council.

Section 6. Meetings. The Council shall meet monthly for the first year and quarterly in subsequent years. The Office of Emergency Management shall assist with meeting arrangements and provide any necessary administrative support to the Council.

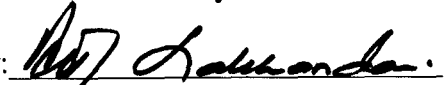
Section 7. Reports. The Council, with the aid of staff, shall submit to the Board of County Commissioners an annual report and presentation of program achievements.

Section 8. Conflict and Severability If any phrase or portion of this Resolution is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 19th day of October, 2004.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: 
Richard T. Crotty
County Chairman

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, Orange County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: 
Deputy Clerk

