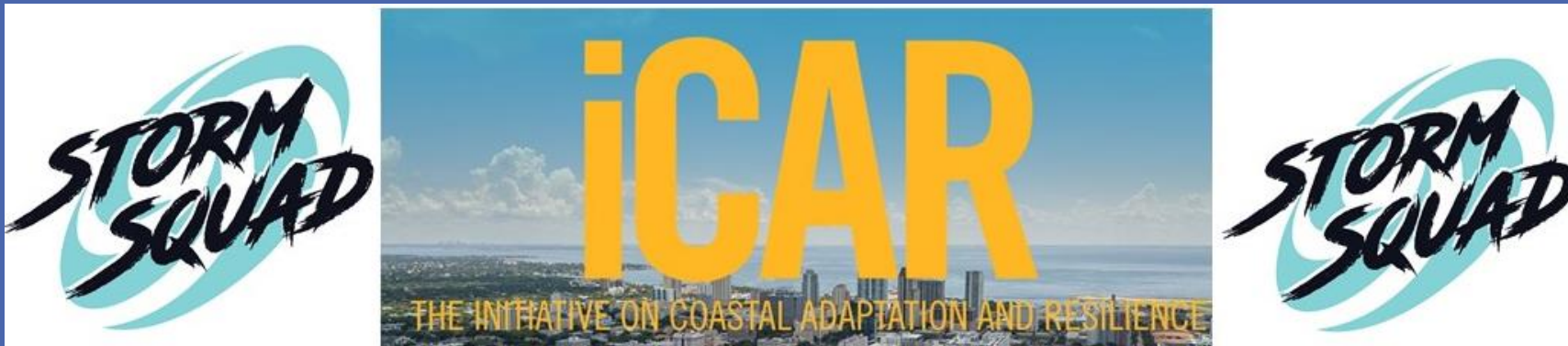


COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DINNER

December 6th, 2023

Presented by University of South Florida iCAR and Storm Squad



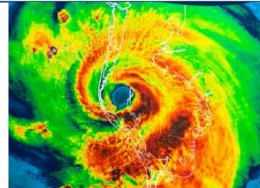
Engaging With The Community



Storm Squad

Community Appreciation Dinner
Wed., Dec. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Enoch D Davis Center, 1111 18TH Ave. S. St. Petersburg
Everyone is invited – Admission is FREE



Learn about upcoming neighborhood-level initiatives

- ✓ Find out how you can be a Storm Squad Ambassador - 14 residents will start this program, help their neighbors, and receive a small payment of appreciation – plus a chance to win \$100.
- ✓ Learn about the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – coming our way.

We want to hear from you

- ✓ What are your major concerns?
- ✓ What issues make it hard to prepare for a disaster and deal with the aftermath? For example: inflation, food insecurity, housing, transportation, health concerns. Let us know!

The first 20 attendees of this dinner will receive a \$15 Publix gift card

Free Drawings

Plus a Special Recognition Prize

Bring the most neighbors to this dinner and receive \$100 at the next Town Hall in February.



- The most recent community outreach and education program was held locally at the Enoch Davis Activity Center in St. Petersburg Florida on December 6th, 2023.
- Flyers were distributed encouraging anyone to join in our community appreciation dinner as well as brief educational speeches by iCAR, FEMA, FLFPC and Storm Squad
- Disaster preparations and resource availability

Registration

- Members of the local community signed in for the dinner event upon entranced.
- Food was prepared and available for those who attended.
- Food included but not limited to Dunkin' Donuts coffee, sandwiches', drinks, pasta, fruit, vegetables and more.



Welcome and Introductions



- Storm Squad: Erica Hall provides insight on Storm Squad mission, as well as activities for the local community to get involved in
- iCAR & CRIS (Community Resiliency Information System): Dr. Barnali Dixon explains her research and engagement with Pinellas County Communities through funding programs
- FEMA: Mary Burrell speaks on her work with the community

Moment of Gratitude & Food

- All organizers of the event gave thanks to all those who attended
- Attendees shared a meal and chatted
- Celebrated a frequent community members birthday!



Update on Storm Squad



- Dr. Barnali Dixon, Initiative on Coastal Adaptation and Resilience (iCAR) from the University of South Florida St. Petersburg Campus shares her funding opportunity for research in local community regions
- How the help from local communities will be benefit from Dr. Dixon's research
- Provide resources, funding, and community outreach (neighbors helping neighbors)

Storm Squad Ambassador Program



- Mary Burrell, Whole Community Engagement Lead, Pinellas county Emergency Management
- Roles and responsibilities of future ambassadors of Storm Squad
- What Storm Squad members will engage in for the community

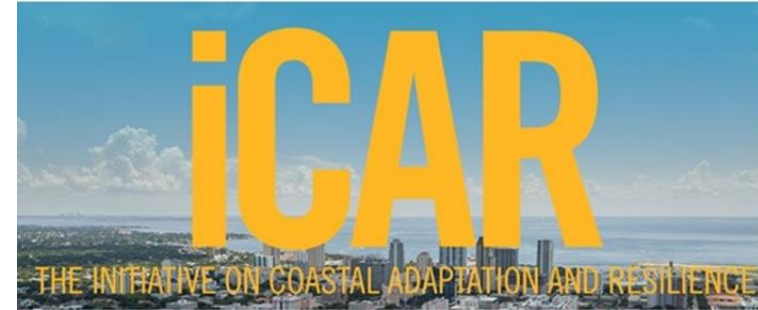
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

- Erica Hall explains her role in CERT and how to be CERT certified
- What CERT members do
- How CERT is beneficial for the community
- Roles and responsibilities, and more



Building the Storm Squad

- Ambassadors, CERT member, Team leader and more
- How all members of these groups work together
- Differing roles between each position
- What they do for the community
- How to get engaged with the community
- Who to reach out to in times of need and assistance
- Survey/ Ambassador Form/ Q&A



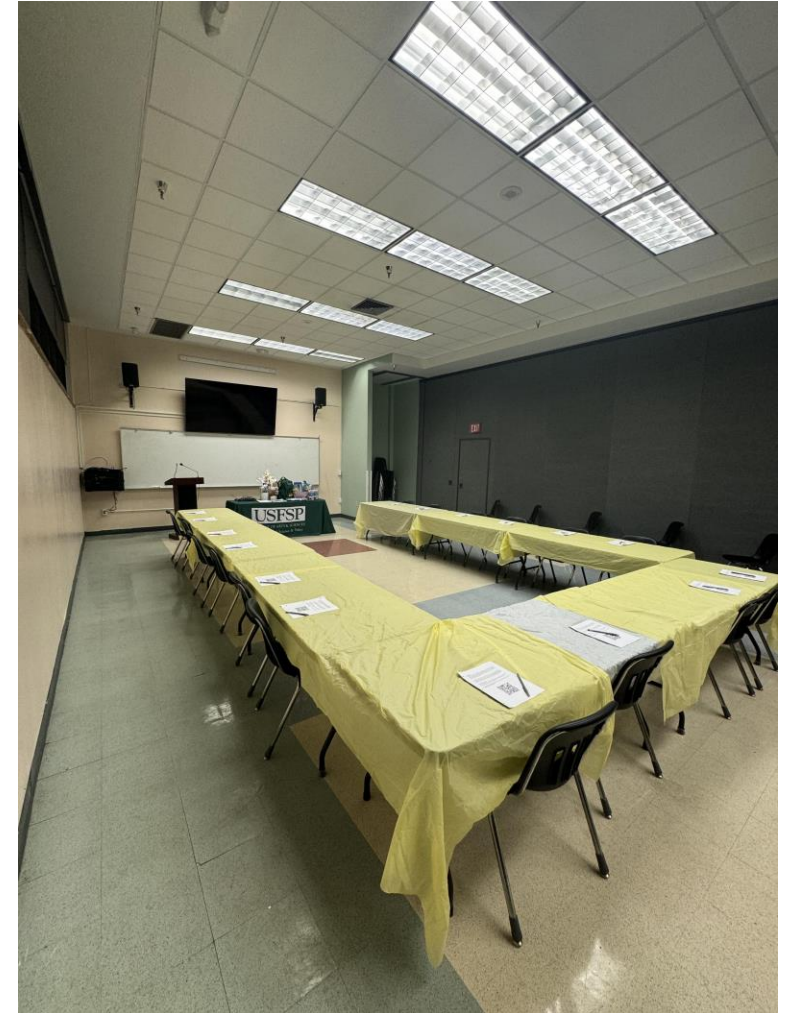
Raffle Drawing



- All member of the community that attended the Community Appreciation Dinner were entered in a raffle drawing upon arrival and registration
- Gifts included: hurricane kits, lanterns, tarps, food baskets, and more

Q&A and Closing Remarks

- Members of the community were thanked again for their attendance and notified of any future events
- A special thank you to all the organizers: Dr. Barnali Dixon, Erica Hall, Mary Burrell, all sponsors of the event, and the G-SAL staff and students at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg location.



What's To Come?

- **January 11th, 2024**
 - Enoch Davis Center
 - 1111 18th Ave S, St. Petersburg Florida 33705
 - Objective: Neighborhood Ambassador meeting
- **January 18th, 2024**
 - Enoch Davis Center
 - 1111 18th Ave S, St. Petersburg Florida 33705
 - Objective: CERT Orientation Meeting

