



NJVOAD

New Jersey Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster



MLK DAY IS MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE CALLS

Tue Jan 19

10:00am - 11:00am

Middlesex COAD Meeting - Middlesex County Fire Academy, 1001 Fire Academy Drive - Classroom 2A, Sayreville, NJ 08872

Wed Jan 20

10:30am - 12:00pm

Donations & Volunteer Management Working Group - InfoAge - Camp Evans Historic District, 2201 Marconi Rd, Wall Township, NJ 07719

Thu Jan 21

10:00am - 12:00pm

Ocean County COAD - St. Andrews United Methodist Church - 1528 Church Rd, Toms River, NJ 08755

Fri Jan 22

10:00am - 11:00am

NJVOAD Call - Conference Call: 1-800-320-4330 / Pin 225748#



Tue Jan 26

10:00am - 11:30am

Morris County COAD - Parsippany Presbyterian Church, 1675 US-46, Parsippany, NJ 07054

2:00pm - 3:00pm

NJVOAD Conference Planning Committee - Conference Call: 641-715-3580 / Access Code: 119125

Wed Jan 27

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Construction / Rebuilding Workgroup - InfoAge - Camp Evans Historic District, 2201 Marconi Rd, Wall Township, NJ 07719

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION IS 1-27-2016

[CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES FROM 12-18-2015](#)

THE NEXT NJVOAD CALL IS NEXT FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016!



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2nd ANNUAL NJVOAD STATEWIDE CONFERENCE - CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

NJVOAD is pleased to announce this call for presentation proposals for sessions during our Statewide Conference, to be held April 13, 2016 at the National Conference Center in East Windsor, NJ. We seek presenters with expertise, lessons learned and innovative solutions to support this year's theme "Expanding NJ's Capacity: Next Steps." Conference attendees will include NJVOAD partners, members of county VOADs and COADs and other supportive organizations. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

Partnerships - Building and Growing Partners
Governmental Relations
Child Advocacy - What does it look like?
Supporting the Animal Community in Disaster
Case Management Lessons Learned

Rebuilding / Construction Best Practices
Advocating for the Whole Community
Preparedness through Individual Capacity
Mass Care Disaster Response
Organizational Structure and Management
Disaster Preparedness in new ways
Communication Tools / Social Media
Financing Recovery Efforts
Building Leadership
Lessons Learned - How do we apply them
Volunteer Management

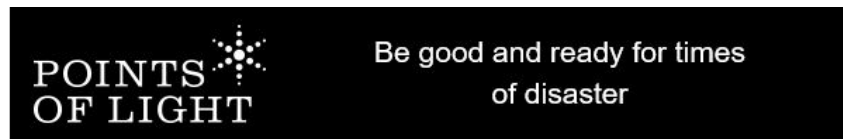
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Groups or individuals interested in presenting on a topic must complete a proposal in writing and submit it via

Survey Monkey no later than 2/5/2016.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NJVOADConferenceProposal>. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Jacob at sarahj@nj211.org. Thank you for your interest in supporting another successful NJVOAD statewide conference.

Management of Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers



Training in Partnership with Volunteer Florida

Operation Volunteer Placement

February 24, 2016

Operation Volunteer Placement will allow agencies and organizations tasked with the coordination of spontaneous volunteers during a disaster to exercise their plan in a web-based simulation.

Participants work together as a unified team in establishing, managing and demobilizing a Volunteer Reception Center. This exercise can be accessed between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. ET and lasts between 90 minutes and three (3) hours depending on group interaction.

NOTE: While intended for group interaction, each participant should individually register to ensure receipt of post-exercise certificate of participation. For additional information click [here](#).

Points of Light - the world's largest organization dedicated to volunteer service - mobilizes millions of people to take action that is changing the world. Through affiliates in 250 cities and partnerships with thousands of non-profits and corporations, Points of Light engages four million volunteers in 30 million hours of service each year. We bring the power of people to bear where it's needed most.

For more information, go to www.pointsoflight.org or e-mail disastertraining@pointsoflight.org. Good & Ready is a national initiative facilitated by Points of Light to help ensure everyone can be prepared for a disaster. Connect with us online: GoodandReady.org | [Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#)



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

With nearly 100 years of emergency response experience, Save the Children is committed to ensuring the unique needs of children are met before, during and after disasters. Here in the U.S. we've helped more than 1 million children affected by U.S. disasters since Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005.

Save the Children knows that NJ is full of committed, inspiring people determined to support the continued recovery and resilience of their communities in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. We know there are care providers, teachers, program implementers, emergency managers and community leaders working to keep children safe every day and we want to equip them with the knowledge, skills and resources to best protect children in disasters.

Save the Children is offering the following emergency preparedness workshops and trainings to NJ communities for free.

1) Unique Needs of Children in Emergencies Workshop

Introductory session on how to effectively identify prepare for and meet children's needs in emergencies

2) Child Care Emergency Preparedness Training

Created to teach child-focused professionals develop and implement robust emergency plans that cater to the specific needs of their program.

3) Prep Rally

Learn about Save the Children's play-based curriculum that teaches children (K-5th grade) how to get ready for emergencies using interactive games, activities and stories. Youth Service model available for older children and teens. Great for anyone who works with or wants to work with children and families!

4) Child Friendly Spaces

Teaches emergency leaders how best to meet children's needs in emergency shelters and other locations where families congregate during disasters.

Further details on the trainings can be found in the attached fact sheet or on our website: www.savethechildren.org/GetReady.

If you are interested in organizing an in-person training for your community, please send an message to getready@savechildren.org.

We ask that you be able to provide a meeting location and commit to having at least 20-25 participants. If you're interested in signing up for a training as an individual, please also send a message to getready@savechildren.org and we'll let you know about upcoming trainings in your area.

AMERICAN RED CROSS!!



American Red Cross
New Jersey Region

Valued Partner,

The New Jersey Region of the American Red Cross would like to extend an invitation to you to join us at our Division Disaster Training Institute being hosted at our Tinton Falls office location from Friday January 22nd through Sunday January 24th. There are a variety of courses and workshops being offered; descriptions and details can be found below. You are welcome to attend as many of the sessions as you'd like.

The benefits of attending are substantial yet the cost free!

There is no cost to attend any of the offerings and the benefits of attending include; setting the foundational groundwork upon which to build or develop our working relationship, exploration of ideas and opportunities for working together, understanding expectations and strengths in our combined efforts, as well as the understanding of what we do and the knowledge and skill levels we expect from our own workforce.

Location: American Red Cross, 1540 W Park Ave., Tinton Falls, NJ

To register contact: Linda at Linda.dequintal2@redcross.org

[CLICK HERE FOR THE COURSE OFFERINGS AND FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

FEMA TRAININGS!!



FRI, JAN 22, 2016 AT 8:00 AM

Continuity of Operations for NGOs

FEMA Region II, New York, NY

The banner features a background image of a winding road or path through a field of gravel or small stones. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Your stakeholders rely on you. When disaster strikes, how do you keep your organization functioning?

Rising Storm 2016 Workshop and Exercise

CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS is a Federal initiative, required by Presidential directive, to ensure that Federal agencies are able to continue to perform their **essential functions** under a broad range of circumstances that may disrupt normal operations. But Continuity of Operations (COOP) isn't just for government anymore. Today's changing threat environment has increased the need for continuity capabilities and plans within the private sector. COOP is now part of every organization's fundamental mission.

FEMA Region 2's new COOP FOR NGOs training will explain the scope of continuity of operations and the benefits of continuity planning in the context of your own organization and your own stakeholders.

Through classroom discussion, case studies, and a tabletop exercise, you will learn:

- **What** will occur in a continuity situation.
- **How** and **how quickly** continuity actions must occur.
- **Where** continuity operations will occur.
- **Who** will participate in continuity operations.

Using the principles of **RISK MANAGEMENT**, learn to identify, weigh, control, and minimize the impact of the various hazards your organization might face.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR THIS FREE CONFERENCE!](#)

NJVOAD UPDATE!!

NJVOAD held our quarterly membership meeting on 12/8 at the Alliance Center for Independence (thanks to Luke and Carole for being such great hosts!) We had a wonderful turnout and a full agenda. Details are included in the minutes [HERE](#), but here are a few highlights...

- Welcome to our newest Board members: Joe Geleta, Maria Nikolatos and Anthony Pluchino!
- NJVOAD has rolled out a new strategic plan. Please visit the NJVOAD.org website (for more information on the plan).
- Save the Date for NJVOAD's Spring Conference - 4/13/15 at the National Conference Center in East Windsor. If you are interested in helping with the planning for this exciting event, please email sarahj@nj211.org or bobb@nj211.org.
- Four working groups are forming to review lessons learned from Sandy, and membership is open to any interested parties. **Please email khiggs@njvoad.org if you would like to participate in any of these groups: Construction / Rebuilding, Disaster Case Management, Donations and Volunteer Management, Relationship Building and Advocacy.**

FROM THE ISC ACTIVE SHOOTER WORKING GROUP...

Active shooter incidents can be unpredictable and evolve quickly. A number of guidance documents are available to help people prepare for, and respond to, an active shooter incident. This document was originally created as a resource for federal agencies and departments to enhance preparedness in federal facilities, but the ISC Active Shooter Working Group responded to multiple requests to modify the document for wider use.

Please find attached the [Planning and Response to an Active Shooter: An Interagency Security Committee Policy and Best Practices Guide](#).

For more information, please visit the DHS active shooter preparedness [webpage](#). If you have any suggestions or wish to share with DHS how you used this document, please contact Lindsey Blair via e-mail at lindsey.blair@hq.dhs.gov, or Bernard Holt at bernard.holt@hq.dhs.gov.



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