



**NJVOAD Conference Call Minutes
Post-Storm Call
1/24/16 at 10am**

Present:

Mike Flannery (Southern Baptist Disaster Relief), Bruce Poss (Samaritan's Purse), Pam Harlan (NJ Dept. of Human Services), Irma Colabrese (St. Vincent DePaul), Brian Dean (Jersey Cares), Janice Campbell (Tri-State K-9), Rowena Madden (Governor's Office of Volunteerism), Candace Crane (United Way Central NJ), Brenda Beavers (Salvation Army), Sue Marticek (Ocean LTRG), Sirmitt (United Siks), Keith Adams (Episcopal Relief & Development), Marv Goodman (Red Cross), Dana Reed (Operation BBQ Relief), Tom Mergola (NJ 2-1-1), Lauren Vatier (Team Rubicon), Kenton Hunt (Southern Baptist Disaster Relief), Kelly Mead (Heart 9/11), Lori Ross (FEMA), Anthony Pluchino (Catholic Charities), Christy Winter (Visitation Relief Center), Shari Silverman (GSART), Maureen Mulligan (Coastal Habitat for Humanity), Marie Pluchino (Saint Vincent de Paul), Aaron Titus (LDS Church), Maria Nikolatos (Catholic Charities), Jackson Chen (Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation), Amy Pennenga (Lutheran Social Ministries), Ray Barton (LDS Church), Phyllis Worrell (Burlington COAD), Yvonne Zuidema (Passaic VOAD), Laura Pople (Seer Farms), Ken Assab (Arab American Civic Org.), Joyce Sagi (Disaster Risk Assoc.), Mike Prasad (Red Cross), Joe Geleta (NJ 2-1-1), Bobbie Ridgely (A Future with Hope), JP Fisher (Americares), Eileen Coyne (Caregivers of NJ), Steve Nagel (Middlesex COAD)

State / Federal Updates:

NJOEM/ State Police: Lt. Bryan Everingham was unable to join in person and sent the following message via email: *I have an NJOEM / ESF / County OEM call at 1000 hours this morning that I am required to get on. If gaps are identified I will jump on your VOAD call or communicate after the call. Through informal queries this morning with the SEOC and the South Region I have not found any unmet needs for VOAD at this time. Thanks.*

NJ Dept. of Health: Pam Harlan reported on the Emergency Support Function (ESF) 6 Mass Care call. There were 3 shelters activated: Woodbine, Atlantic City and Ocean County and a warming center in Camden. As power is being restored, individuals are returning home. Red Cross and Salvation Army have been supporting as needed. Utility companies are optimistic that power will be restored to most homes today. Keith Adams indicated that at this point, we are still in emergency response phase, and the majority of needs for VOAD organizations would be determined in the days to come.

FEMA: Lori Ross reported that Region II is on standby and able to support, but they have not received any requests for support. An inquiry arose about the process for requesting assistance. Kelly Higgs shared that according to the ESF 6 call this morning, preliminary damage assessments

are beginning on Monday which will help communities determine if they meet the thresholds for community or individual assessment requests to FEMA.

County Reports:

Cape May – no representative

Atlantic County – no representative

Ocean County –

- Sue Marticek indicated 2 warming centers opened: Mystic Island Fire House and Seaside ambulance squad. She expressed concern about the lack of shelters for residents, especially the elderly.
- Laura Pople shared the Ocean County OEM Coordinator reported 16 people in shelters as of 8:00am with shelter closing as of 10:00am.
- Christy Winters reported that Visitation Relief Center was on standby to shelter up to 100 people. She has heard some reports of roof damage and one collapsed roof.

Monmouth County –

- Maria Nikolatos reported some coastal flooding late last night/early this morning.
- Keith Adams reported that Union Beach had flooding to the fire house and Keansburg beach was flooded in the normal areas.

Middlesex – no problems reported

Bergen – Tess Tomasi reported no problems via email no problems

Burlington – Phyllis Worrel reported no problems with the focus on ensuring code blue sheltering

Passaic – Yvonne Zuidema indicated there were no needs to report

VOAD Organizations:

LDS Church – Aaron Titus indicated that Crisis Cleanup could be activated if there were widespread reports of roof collapses or muck out needs.

Red Cross – Marv Goodman reported that shelters were opened in Cape May, Atlantic and Ocean Counties. The Red Cross is preparing bulk distribution plan for water and food as needed and coordinating with other community partners.

Next Steps:

Keith Adams indicated that NJVOAD would continue to monitor the situation and coordinate with NJOEM and county VOADs/COADs to determine if there are any needs. A follow-up call will be scheduled as needed in accordance with the results of further assessment.