



NJVOAD

New Jersey Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

April 8, 2016



Welcome to NJVOAD

Dear Kelly,

Today is the last day to register for the NJVOAD conference next week, April 13th. There are 5 spots remaining. And, as a quick reminder, next week is National Volunteer Week!

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE CALLS

Wed Apr 13

8:30am - 4:00pm

NJVOAD Annual Conference - The National Conference Center -
399 Monmouth Street East Windsor, NJ 08502

Sat Apr 16

All day

Red Cross Home Fire Canvassing and Install Event - Partners Welcome -
Linden, NJ & New Brunswick

Mon Apr 18

10:30am - 12:00pm

Disaster Case Management Working Group
1444 State Route 36, Hazlet, NJ 07730,

Tue Apr 19

10:00am - 11:00am

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

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Ocean County Volunteer Committee

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Founded in 1904, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey (LSMNJ) began its humble journey in Jersey City, New Jersey. LSMNJ is a faith-based, nonprofit organization that offers a wide range of services

1405 Old Freehold Rd, Toms River, NJ

Wed Apr 20

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Construction & Rebuild Working Group - Camp Evans Volunteer Center
2201 Marconi Rd, Wall Township, NJ 07719

Fri Apr 22

10:00am - 11:00am

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

Please check the [NJVOAD calendar](#) for updates to this schedule!

[Click Here for Minutes from the NJVOAD Conference Call \(3/18/2016\)](#)

Please submit posts for the next newsletter to [Themba](#) by Wednesday, April 20th.



NJVOAD 2016 Conference

Expanding NJ's Capacity:
Next Steps



NJVOAD is thrilled to have Jerome Hatfield as our Keynote Speaker at the April 13 conference. Be sure to [REGISTER](#) to attend and arrive on time so you don't miss the opportunity to hear him speak. Want to know why we're so excited? Check out his bio below, and you'll see!

Jerome Hatfield serves as the Regional Administrator in FEMA Region II. Appointed by President Obama in November 2013, he directs all aspects of federal emergency management for the States of New York and New Jersey, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of the United States Virgin Islands and the Native American Tribes in the Region.

Mr. Hatfield oversees FEMA's Hurricane Sandy recovery effort in New York and New Jersey, implementing recovery innovations such as the Public Assistance Pilot Procedures Program to help streamline and maximize the delivery of assistance. Hatfield is responsible for a financial portfolio that reflects allocations to New York and New Jersey in upwards of \$20 billion. As the Regional steward of disaster relief funds, Hatfield emphasizes mitigating hazards and promoting resiliency to meet the challenges of climate change. Of the \$11.6 billion in FEMA Public Assistance dollars provided to New York and New Jersey for infrastructure repair and restoration, \$3.5 billion has been invested in mitigation efforts to protect against future storms.

throughout the state, including disaster relief and recovery, affordable housing, adoption, a homeless day shelter, and senior living and healthcare. With locations throughout the state, LSMNJ's mission is to "serve those in New Jersey who hurt, who are in need, or who have limited choices."

LSMNJ Disaster Recovery works extensively to ensure that families are able to return home following a disaster. Much of the work is done by committed and dedicated volunteers who spend their days supporting disaster relief efforts in different communities statewide. Since Hurricane Sandy, LSMNJ has coordinated 3,754 volunteers and 218 volunteer groups from across the country to work on 293 homes.

Currently, LSMNJ projects are geared towards helping volunteers develop personal preparedness skills while also filling the volunteer gaps throughout the state. One such project, Hand in Hand Volunteer Day (the next one happening on April 16th, 2016) welcomes everyone interested in helping those impacted by Sandy get back home. The Hand in Hand Volunteer Days are a great way for those with a passion to help others to get their hands dirty and make a difference to families or individuals still recovering from the impact of the storm and have been hurt, are in need, or have limited choices.

For more information on the 2016 Hand in Hand Volunteer Days-scheduled for April, June, August, October, and December,-or to sign up, please contact Alex Elefante at 609-699-4132 or at alefante@lsmnj.org. They hope to see you there!

Mr. Hatfield promotes cross-pollination of ideas, information sharing and coordination of effort among FEMA's program branches and external partners. He plays a pivotal role in the New York/New Jersey Federal Leadership Resilience Collaborative, consisting of Regional Administrators from six federal agencies dedicated to Hurricane Sandy rebuilding strategy. In partnering with traditional and contemporary stakeholders, incorporating public and private sectors, faith-based institutions, private non-profits, and volunteer organizations, Hatfield fosters an inclusive, whole community approach to survivor-centric engagement that emphasizes outreach to the Region's vulnerable populations of seniors, immigrants and people with disabilities.

Mr. Hatfield is federal lead for consequence management in support of crisis management operations for National Special Security Events in the Region, such as United Nations General Assemblies, the visit of Pope Francis and Super Bowl XLVIII.

Mr. Hatfield is a 27-year veteran of the New Jersey State Police where as a Lieutenant Colonel he served as the Deputy Superintendent of Homeland Security, overseeing more than 80 state and federal grant programs. He was responsible for strategic, tactical and operational coordination of personnel in special operations while also serving as the deputy director of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management.

As a former Chairman to the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP), Mr. Hatfield was responsible for conducting nationwide assessments of state, territorial, federal and local emergency management and homeland security programs. In this role he led EMAP liaisons to Kenya in support of international assessments conducted in conjunction with other federal agencies. Additionally, he served as a member of the National Advisory Council (NAC) where he chaired the response and recovery subcommittee.

Mr. Hatfield holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree and is a graduate of the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, Naval Post Graduate School, Executive Leader's Program. He is a veteran of the United States Army and a Certified Public Manager (CPM), awarded by Farleigh Dickinson University.

[Â CLICK HERE TO LEARN ABOUT ALL OF THE CONFERENCE PRESENTERS](#)



National Volunteer Week is April 10-16!
NJVOAD is so thankful to our team of VISTAs
and the wonderful volunteers who support our member
organizations in all phases of the disaster cycle.

[Please click here to read Governor Christie's Proclamation.](#)

NVOAD MINI GRANTS AVAILABLE

NVOAD is offering mini grants (\$500-\$5000).

Made possible by a generous donation from the UPS Foundation, all National Voluntary Organizations, Organizations Active in Disaster, (VOAD) members, including State VOADs and National Active in Disaster Members, who are providing recovery services for undeclared disasters in 2014 and 2015 are eligible to apply.

[Click here for the application.](#)

Applicants should mail completed applications to: minigrant@nvoad.org with subject line "2014-2015 Undeclared Disaster Recovery Mini Grant Application".

Applications must be submitted between April 5 - April 27th.

Good luck!

WEBINAR

The NJDOH/PHILEP Emergency Preparedness and Operations Section is pleased to announce the next session of the Emergency Preparedness Webinar Series

Topic: Introduction to Disaster Behavioral Health and Crisis Counseling

Date: April 21, 2016

Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm

Terrorism Branch (DTB) is recognized by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as the State behavioral health authority responsible for coordinating behavioral health disaster responses to individuals and communities that are impacted by disaster.

- . This presentation will review the mission and scope of the DTB.
- . The impacts of crisis on the emotional well-being of individuals and communities will be addressed as well as the Disaster Response Crisis Counselor Certification program created by the DTB to utilize trained volunteers in response to a crisis.
- . The presentation will also describe the plan to address the needs of the 15,000 individuals in NJ who are receiving opioid replacement medications throughout the state during a community crisis.

[Click here to register](#)

2016 NATIONAL VOAD AWARD NOMINEES

The National VOAD Board of Directors invites all National Members, State/Territorial VOADs, and Partners to submit nominations for the 2016 National VOAD Awards. This year's awards will be presented at the 2016 Annual VOAD Conference



Awards Dinner, which is being held Monday, May 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The awards recognize organizational and individual excellence contributions that reflect "the best of the best" in service and support within the entire VOAD movement

We are accepting nominations for the following categories:

- * National Member of the Year
- * State/Territory VOAD of the Year
- * John "Jock" Menzies Partner of the Year
- * Innovative Program of the Year
- * Don Hampton Volunteer of the Year
- * Spirit Award

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