



**NJVOAD**

**New Jersey Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster**

May 6, 2016



Please click on the above photo from the 2016 NJVOAD Conference to access our webpage which contains more pictures as well as presentations from the conference (new presentations have been added!).

## Welcome to NJVOAD

Dear Kelly,

Please enjoy this week's newsletter which includes a spotlight of our member organization, Operation BBQ Relief.

## MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE CALLS

### **Tue May 10**

10:00am - 12:00pm

Sussex Warren COAD Training

Tranquility United Methodist Church

5 Kennedy Rd, Andover NJ

### **Tue May 17**

12:00pm - 1:00pm



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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

In May 2011, the town of Joplin, Missouri was struck by a tornado. The destruction was massive and the need for help was urgent. Competition BBQ teams from eight states answered the call and came together to help provide feeding services to displaced families and emergency responders. From this collaboration, Operation BBQ Relief was formed. Operation BBQ Relief's mission is to "provide compassion, offer hope and friendship to those whose lives have been affected by disasters across the United States through our expertise in cooking and catering barbecue meals and our ability to quickly mobilize our teams into any area where nature

Ocean County Volunteer Committee  
1405 Old Freehold Rd, Toms River, NJ

**Wed May 18**

10:30am - 12:00pm

Disaster Case Management Working Group  
725 Mantoloking Rd, Brick, NJ

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

**[CLICK HERE FOR MINUTES FROM THE NJVOAD  
CONFERENCE CALL \(APRIL 22, 2016\)](#)**

Please submit posts for the next newsletter to [Themba](#)  
by Wednesday, May 18TH.

**THE SECONDARY DISASTER: When Disaster Relief Brings  
Anything But Relief**

CBS Sunday News ran a great story on 4/24 about the secondary disaster that occurs when people donate unsolicited and unnecessary items post-disaster. Please view and share this video to help spread the word about how to best help as well as what NOT to do when disasters strike (and feel free to reference [HELPNJNOW.ORG](#) as a resource for people who want to learn more and support in NJ):

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PIECE](#)

**WE STAND STRONG:  
YOUTH DISASTER PREP GRANT PROGRAM**

In partnership with Save the Children, a global leader in disaster preparation and relief, YSA is supporting youth organizations in helping their communities get ready for disasters. Through the We Stand Strong program, apply for training and project grants that help youth leaders organize disaster preparedness awareness events (Prep Rallies) and service projects (Prep Projects) on September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance. This year, the program is focused on the following regions: the Mid-Atlantic (DC, MD, VA), the South (OK, TX, AR, LA, MS), California, and the Northeast Tri-State Area (NY, NJ, CT). Applications are due June 10, 2016.

Learn more and apply online here: <http://ysa.org/grants/organization-grants/westandstrong/>

disrupts."

When a disaster strikes, OBR is able to provide mass care in the hours and days following a disaster. This level of commitment is not a task that is easily accomplished. It takes the work of dedicated and compassionate volunteers to step up and help those in need and recovering from the loss they've just endured. Because of this support, OBR has been able to deploy over 2,500 volunteers for a total of 173 days after a disaster. OBR has also served an average of 4,067 meals per day and have supplied over 700,000 meals to families in need as well as emergency responders post disaster.

In addition to providing mass care, Operation BBQ Relief focuses on promoting awareness, fundraising, and educating the community on disaster preparedness. An example of this would be their participation in the Red, White, and Que festival held every September in Cresskill, NJ. Operation BBQ Relief believes that "all people involved in relief efforts during natural disasters will understand the true meaning of compassion for those who have lost possessions and loved ones, and that they will further utilize all of their God-given skills and abilities to better the lives of those affected."

To learn more about how you can join in their relief efforts, please visit [www.operationbbqrelief.org](http://www.operationbbqrelief.org)



**2016 Region II  
Individual**

# Preparedness Activities

A key element to successfully responding to and recovering from a major disaster is the overall preparedness of individual citizens and their families. With that in mind, we invite you to participate in a series of 'What would you do?' scenarios with your loved ones in order to assess your level of preparedness. These tabletop activities are intended to be low-stress conversation starters to be discussed, as the name implies, around your dinner table.

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