



NJVOAD

New Jersey Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

June 3, 2016



CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU! NJVOAD RECEIVED THE 2016 STATE VOAD OF THE YEAR AWARD AT THE NATIONAL VOAD CONFERENCE. THIS AWARD IS THE RESULT OF THE HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT OF OUR MEMBERS, PARTNERS, SUPPORTERS, STAFF AND VISTA_s WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO ADVANCING THE VOAD MOVEMENT IN NJ. IF YOU ARE NOT "ON BOARD", "GET ON BOARD", THIS MOVEMENT IS CONTAGIOUS!

Welcome to NJVOAD

Dear Kelly,

This week we highlight Tri-State Canine Response Team. Please take a minute to see what your colleagues are doing! As a reminder, next week is the final week for Youth Disaster Grant Program.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE CALLS

Wed Jun 8
10:00am - 12:00pm



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SAVE THE DATE

NJVOAD MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JUNE 16th at 10am

Jersey Cares

**290 W. Mount Pleasant Avenue
Livingston, NJ 07039**

Conference Line: 1-800-320-4330

Access Code: 225748



The Tri-State K-9 Crisis Response Team has one passion: with the help and support of caring teams and volunteers, their mission is to "provide emotional support, aid and

Essex COAD Kick-Off Meeting - Comfort Suites Newark,
1348 McCarter Hwy, Newark, NJ 07104

10:00am - 12:00pm

Ocean County COAD
1405 Old Freehold Rd, Toms River, NJ 08753, United States

Thu Jun 9

10:00am - 12:00pm
Union County VOAD/COAD Training
300 N Ave E, Westfield, NJ 07090

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Burlington COAD - Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey
3 Manhattan Dr, Burlington, NJ 08016

Mon Jun 13

2:00pm - 4:00pm
Morris County COAD Training
Parsippany Presbyterian Church
1675 U.S. 46, Parsippany-Troy Hills, NJ 07054

Tue Jun 14

10:00am - 11:30am
Passaic VOAD Training - AFN

Thu Jun 16

10:00am - 12:00pm
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Fri Jun 17

10:00am - 12:00pm
Camden COAD Zika Training
The Salvation Army Kroc Center
1865 Harrison Ave, Camden, NJ 08105

1:30pm - 2:30pm

HELPNJNOW Volgistics Webinar - <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/402207477>

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

[CLICK HERE FOR THE MINUTES FROM 5/27](#)

**Please submit posts for the next newsletter to [Themba](#)
by Wednesday, June 15th**

CAN PLANS

CAN Legacy (case management tool) will shut down active use / user support of the system for Sandy cases effective October 2016. All case data will be archived for 7 years. They will be working to meet the needs of agencies providing continued Sandy services beyond this date on a case by case basis to minimize impacts, if any.

comfort to victims of disaster, catastrophe and violence while fostering resilience and self-efficacy." Tri-State provides those affected by disaster with relief through the use of certified and trained dog/handler teams. Currently, they have three types of teams in place: Animal Assisted Activities (AAA), Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT), and Crisis Response Teams (CRT). The role of each team differs depending on the case the team is supporting. Currently, Tri-State has 27 teams that are trained extensively prior to beginning their work after a disaster. The teams go through a series of trainings which include FEMA's incident command training, psychological first aid, mental health first aid, canine and human CPR and first aid, as well as many others. Tri-State has recently partnered with Lutheran Social Ministries to send teams out bimonthly to one of the Day Homeless Shelters in Camden, NJ to provide the clients with comfort and emotional support. Tri-State is looking to expand their partnerships and are open to working with many other organizations that have roles in disaster and crisis response. When Tri-State is not supporting disaster response or recovery, they are hard at work partnering with local school programs, hospice facilities, hospital pet therapy programs, nursing homes, women's and homeless shelters, etc., to provide emotional support to those in need. Tri-State is also hard at work with planning its inaugural 5k Run & Fun event. This fundraiser will be held on October 15, 2016 at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken, NJ. This is an opportunity to bring your family out to meet the teams and get a look at what these amazing dog teams can do for those in need. For more information on

SANDY CONTRACTOR ISSUES - INFORMATION NEEDED

As we approach the fourth anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, there are still thousands of people who have not returned home. If you work with homeowners to help them navigate the RREM or LMI process, please click [HERE](#) to view a letter requesting feedback and input from two of our legal partners. Jessica Limbacher from Volunteer Lawyers for Justice and Rachel Ianieri with Community Health Law Project are combining efforts to present a collective view of the scale and scope of contractor issues that are plaguing survivors. Please review the link and respond directly to them with your feedback as soon as possible. Thank you!



Celebrating FEMA's human services partners in New York and New Jersey

FEMA STATE OF THE REGION EVENT

Tri-State's 5k Run & Fun, the teams, and how you can partner with this organization, please visit, <http://www.tri-statecanineresponse.org/>. They hope to see you in October!

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/>

FEMA 2016 STATE OF THE REGION EVENT (NJ AND NY)



Event to be held at the following time, date, and location:

[Tuesday, June 21, 2016](#) from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM (EDT)

FEMA Region 2
Jacob Javits Federal Building
[26 Federal Plaza, 6th floor](#)
[New York, NY 10278](#)

[View Map](#)

[Attend Event](#)

Celebrating FEMA's human services partners in New York and New Jersey

Dear ESF-6 partner,

If you have not already done so, please reserve your seat today for the upcoming FEMA State of the Region (NY/NJ) event on [Tuesday June 21, 2016](#).

Regional Administrator Jerome Hatfield and other FEMA Region 2 leadership invite representatives from New Jersey and New York voluntary, faith, and community-based organizations, and state and local government human services agencies to this one-day event.

The State of the Region will:

- Recognize the important relationship between Region II and its NGO/PNP partners,
- Educate partners on FEMA program areas,
- Promote FEMA resources, including training and technical assistance, and
- Encourage partners to meet and interact with the Regional Administrator, Deputy Regional Administrator, and FEMA's subject-matter experts.

The event is free, but seating is limited, so please REGISTER today, and PRINT OUT and BRING your ticket on the day of the event.

If you are an individual with a disability and will need an accommodation before the meeting, please email FEMA-R2VAL@fema.dhs.gov no later than June 10, 2016.



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