



NJVOAD

New Jersey Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
Cooperation - Communication - Coordination - Collaboration

NJVOAD Recovery Conference Call Minutes 7/22/16 at 10am

Present: Lori Ross (FEMA), Jamie Bodrog-Powell (DHS), Amy Anderson (Hunterdon UW/COAD), Michael Allora (Clifton Fire Dept.), John Hammer (Rotary), Arnold Valentin (Catholic Charities), Keith Adams (ERD), Kelly Boyd (NJOEM), Linda Hardy (NJVOAD), David Rosas (World Cares), Alex Elefante (LSMNJ), Tess Tomasi (Bergen), Mike Prasad (ARC), Alanya Berg (LSNJ)

Governmental Partners:

FEMA: Completed federal response assessment program last week – DC assessed Region II and they did well. Focus in August will be on Internal Disaster Survivor Assistance and Disaster Recovery Center operations training for FEMA Region II staff. FEMA is also offering upcoming trainings in NJ in coordination with NJOEM and NJVOAD.

DHS: Completed shelter task force meetings in all 21 counties and are rolling out recommendations from sheltering task force. Met with County OEMs and made 20 recommendations.

NJOEM – Coordinating resources for service animal care post-disaster. Met with a local non-profit (Jordyn's Cause 4 Paws) that partners with Meals for Wheels to provide in-home animal food deliveries for people with service animals, and this organization has agreed to reach out to hospitals to extend this service in a disaster.

Faith-Based Partners:

LSMNJ – Amy Pennenga finished her service last month, and Joy Blazak is fulfilling some of her responsibilities. Alex is working on a “Break the Glass” plan, which details everything needed for future disaster response and recovery efforts.

Catholic Charities – Scheduled to run disaster response program through December 2016 with 4 DCMs remaining. Currently have 126 cases with 90% (119) RREM cases.

ERD – Still anticipating finishing up in December 2016. Putting together plans and procedures for subsequent disasters to reactivate. Esther left last month, and Keith remains on. Southern unmet needs table finished up last month, but support is still available through the northern

group which continues to meet. There are limited financial resources, but the non-profit builders remain active.

Partners:

World Cares – Thanks to NJVOAD for highlighting them in the latest newsletter. David is new and wants to get more involved – they have training resources and services available.

Red Cross – No updates related to Sandy, as recovery efforts have largely transitioned. They continue to manage the Gap Funding Initiative for RREM (this is NOT open for new applications – ARC is managing money and reallocating some funds that were unspent). Mike is interested in being able to identify the total number of open cases, which is a very challenging number to identify.

LSNJ – Still available for assistance and are working on a number of foreclosures with a hotline available at 1-888-222-5765 (M-F 9-5).

Keith mentioned that CHLP has developed resources for RREM and contractor fraud. Along those same lines, DCA has filed suit again Price Home Group – open this link for more information: <http://www.nj.gov/oag/newsreleases16/pr20160721a.html>.

Kelly will reach out to Rachel Ianieri to see about sharing the contractor fraud document with NJVOAD partners.

Rotary – John Hammer is the Disaster Relief Chairman for Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean. Rotary would like to coordinate with NJVOAD for future disasters. They are also looking to work locally to position mobile generators which could be positioned in food pantries, so they don't lose food.

County Reports:

Bergen – Finishing up last 8 cases for the SSBG HRAP program which will be closing next Friday. There are no other programs or cases remaining, so they will officially shift over to VOAD under Volunteer Center leadership with Debbie Emery as the point of contact.

Hunterdon – Nothing to update at this point.

NJVOAD Update:

HELPNJNOW trainings have occurred for county/regional VAODs/COADs and NJVOAD members to learn Volgistics, the volunteer database to be used statewide in future disasters. A recorded webinar and all of the materials are available on the NJVOAD website:

<https://njvoad.communityos.org/cms/node/167>

FEMA is providing donations and volunteer management trainings through the NJOEM training program:

8/9-10/16 - **Donations Management** (FEMA G288) - Burlington County: visit <http://www.state.nj.us/njoem/programs/training-schedule.html> to register

8/11/16 - **Spontaneous Volunteers** (FEMA G489) - Burlington County: visit <http://www.state.nj.us/njoem/programs/training-schedule.html> to register (G288 is a prerequisite)

9/27-28/16 - **Donations Management** (FEMA G288) - Ocean County: visit <http://www.state.nj.us/njoem/programs/training-schedule.html> to register

9/29/16 - **Spontaneous Volunteers** (FEMA G489) - Ocean County: visit <http://www.state.nj.us/njoem/programs/training-schedule.html> to register (G288 is a prerequisite)

FEMA is partnering with NJVOAD to provide COOP for NGO trainings:

10/12/16 – **COOP (Continuity of Operations Plan) Training for NGOs** (FEMA) - Morris County: visit <http://coopforngosnorth.eventbrite.com> to register

10/26/16 – **COOP (Continuity of Operations Plan) Training for NGOs** (FEMA) - Middlesex County: visit <http://coopforngoscentral.eventbrite.com> to register

11/2/16 – **COOP (Continuity of Operations Plan) Training for NGOs** (FEMA) - Atlantic County: visit <https://coopforngossouthern.eventbrite.com> to register

Kelly and Linda are available to provide trainings to VOADs/COADs on HELPNJNOW, MARC (Multi-Agency Resource Center) Fundamentals, Launching an LTRG/LTRC.

NJVOAD is conducting regular meetings with Region II neighbors (NYC, LI and NY State VOADs) and is hoping to do the same with Region III (southern neighbors). Keith is working with other states to revamp how State VOADs coordinate with National VOAD.

Keith indicated that many partners have asked about helping in West Virginia. He suggested organizations with resources coordinate their efforts through their national headquarters if they are NVOAD Tier 1 partners. All other organizations should coordinate through the WVVOAD. They have a Recovery Center established at First Baptist Church, 515 D St., S. Charleston, WV 25303. Jenny Gannaway is the Coordinator, and her contact info is: [606-625-5921](tel:606-625-5921) / jennygannaway@frontier.com.