



Conference Call Minutes, NJVOAD

Friday, January 22, 2016

10:00 AM

Present: Arnold Valentin (Catholic Charities), Kelly Higgs (NJVOAD), Lt. Bryan Everingham (State Police O.E.M), Keith Adams (ERD), Linda Hardy (VISTA), Simone Belle (Hope Worldwide), Cynthia Campbell (VISTA), Brenda Beavers (Salvation Army), Nancy Gillespie (Cumberland County Health Dept.), Kelly Mead (Heart 9/11), Kristine Semanario (GSART), Chris Balas (Heart 911), Marv Goodman (Red Cross), Joe Geleta (NJ211), Brian Dean (Jersey Cares), Stuart Grant (United Way), Dennis Dura (Dept. Human Services Office of Emergency Mgmt), Janice Campbell (TriState Crisis Response Team), Anthony Pluchino (Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton), Ellen Korpar (A Future with Hope), Phyllis Worrell (Burlington County COAD / Virtua), Steve Nagel (Middlesex County), Fran Wise (United Way), JP (Americares), Rowena Madden (Gov. Office for Volunteerism), Lauren Vatier (Team Rubicon), Brian Dean (Jersey Cares), David Chao (Tzu Chi Foundation), Ken Assab (Arab American Civic Organization), Amy Pennenga (Lutheran Social Ministries), Rachel Ianeri (Community Health Law Project), Tom Mergola (NJ211), Pat Schwartz (Hopewell Church), Christina Butieb-Bianco (Hudson Regional Health Commission), Emma Papiole-Izquierzo (Catholic Charities), Marion O'Neill (PSEG), Jackson Chen (Tzu Chi Foundation), Cathy McCann (Community Food Bank), Shari Silverman (GSART), John Romano, Amy Pennenga (Lutheran Social Ministries), Themba Johnson (NJVOAD), Anne Goodman (VISTA), Sarah Jacob (VISTA), Kevin McGee (St. Bernard's Project), United Sikhs

Statewide Updates

Lt. Bryan Everingham (State Police O.E.M.) - Major storm coming, 12 -18+ inches expected across most of the state. Coastal areas looking at less snow but risk of flooding. There are major concerns with high winds and blizzard like conditions. There are also concerns with power outages due to the possibility of wet, dense snow. Additionally, coastal flooding could occur and have the potential of creating road damage in affected areas. Numerous ongoing conference calls in the state.

Will activate the State Emergency Operation Center (EOC) at 6pm today (1/22) at Level 2 which will bring in select partners (Transportation, EEP, BPU and Dept. of Human Services) to work with.

Many county EOCs will be activating over the weekend.

Many coastal counties/towns are equipped with high-wheeled vehicles acquired thru the surplus property program.

Municipalities and counties will review staffing and plans *if* shelters should need to be open (this will be localized planning)

Dennis Dura (Dept. of Human Services, Office of Emergency Management) -

Held an EFS6 call at 9am this morning,

Red Cross reported that they are pre-staging supplies in select counties. Primarily this will be a post impact shelter event. State facility at Woodbine would be utilized as back up as shelter in Cape May County should county shelters be overwhelmed. Mental Health component is also on standby. Any resource request should be taken to the county and then coordinated thru the State EOC.

Rowena Madden (Gov. Office of Volunteerism) - Coordinating with NJVOAD to have website reflect messaging for HELPNJNOW.ORG and NJ 2-1-1.

County Updates

Middlesex – COAD meeting was held earlier this week and they are prepared for this storm.

Burlington – County EOC will be open tomorrow

Ocean – COAD Kickoff meeting was held yesterday. Maintain communication with the OEM in the county. Ocean is engaged in a Feeding Pilot Project – trying to capture the lessons learned from Sandy so that they can acquire more feeding sites that are properly trained and will try to expand capacity moving forward. This will help to supplement the state feeding plan. GSART's has connections with local counties to include feeding of the animals.

Hudson – OEM has activated EOCs and Medical Volunteer Corps is on standby.

NJVOAD Members / Partners:

PSEG – PSEG will have outage maps on their website where customers can register and alert PSEG when they are out of power. Customers can also call to notify PSEG that there is an outage. Customers will need to notify PSEG, PSEG will not know that there is an outage.

https://www.pseg.com/home/customer_service/outage_info/index.jsp

Faith Based Partners

Hopewell Church – They have the ability to house people and have a kitchen for cooking.

Catholic Charities – Inclement weather protocols are in place. Staff have their laptops and phones to maintain communication. DRP program still in place with 370 cases for Sandy Impacted families. Have the Resiliency and clinical management program in place.

Tzu Chi – TzuChi has set up volunteers in the South. They are ready to provide help in the area if needed.

Lutheran Social Ministries - LSM has been distributing preparedness information through social media. They are monitoring the storm and will maintain communication.

Salvation Army – Sandy Services continue thru 6/2016. Increased resources as it relates to disaster response.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES

NJ211 – Increasing operations and additional staff in anticipation of the storm. Staff will have their laptops so if they can't get in they will be available to provide service. They are working with state OEM to get emergency messaging out.

Red Cross – Contacting county and large municipalities for potential mass care needs. Red Cross has had a push on Winter Storm Messaging.

Food Bank – The Food Bank is standing by to help where they can.

NJVOAD – HELPNJNOW.ORG is ready to go into gray sky mode following a state of emergency declaration.

Conference Planning call on 1/26 and request for presenters is out

4 working groups have been developed to implement lessons learned from Sandy

Donations and Volunteerism Group (met this week)

Disaster Case Management

Construction and Rebuilding

Relationship Building and Advocacy

There are a few people attending COOP (Continuity of Operations Planning) training in NYC this morning. NJVOAD is talking with FEMA to bring this and other trainings into NJ.

For more information, follow NJVOAD on Twitter @NJVOAD or on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/njvoad/?ref=hl>.

VISTA – (Anne Goodman) moving forward with COADs and VOADs in Hunterdon and Passaic Counties. Working on developing an LTRG guide. There will a Post Sandy Assessment survey to quantify the efforts in the state of NJ.

TriState Crisis Response Team – They have 20 teams of dogs that are ready to respond at any shelters that are set up to help with emotional support.

St. Bernard's Project – We have AmeriCorps members that could potentially be used in a disaster declaration.

United Sikhs- Have been providing awareness preparedness to their clients. Starting a Foodbank in NY.

Question? What if homeless people have animals?

Could set up under CART which is operates under county OEMs (each county has their own rules)

NJVOAD Leadership will monitor the storm's impact throughout NJ to determine if a follow-up call is needed over the weekend. This will be announced via email with as much notice as possible.

Next Regular NJVOAD Call:

February 26, 2016

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