



NJVOAD NEW JERSEY VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER

June 17, 2016



THANK YOU MARC, LINDA, ANNE, CYNTHIA AND SARAH - YOU WILL BE MISSED!

Welcome to NJVOAD

Dear Kelly,

Today is a day for saying thanks and farewell. Our VISTAs are ending their service today, and Themba Johnson, NJVOAD Business Administrator, will be finishing her time with us early next week. We are so thankful to Themba and the team of VISTAs for all they have contributed to NJVOAD and advancing the VOAD movement in NJ. NJVOAD is in a much better position to weather whatever storms lie ahead as a result of their efforts.

This newsletter will be our last bi-monthly newsletter. Beginning in July, the newsletter will be distributed in the first week of each month.



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NEW VISTA PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

AmeriCorps VISTA members are full time national service volunteers that serve in communities across the country to build the organizational, administrative and financial capacity of organizations fighting poverty. Visit www.nationalservice.gov to learn more about AmeriCorps VISTA. If you are interested in building the capacity of

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE CALLS

Tue Jun 21

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Ocean County Volunteer Committee

1405 Old Freehold Rd, Toms River, NJ

Thu Jun 23

1:30pm - 2:30pm

NJIDN (NJ Interfaith Disaster Network)

First Presbyterian Church of Hightstown, 320 N Main St,
Hightstown, NJ 08520

Fri Jun 24

10:00am - 11:00am

NJVOAD Call

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

Thu Jun 30

10:30am - 1:00pm

DCM Working Group - United Way of Central Jersey

32 Ford Ave # 1, Milltown, NJ 08850

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 by 6/30/16 to
businessadmin@njvoad.org

Given recent events in Orlando, we remind all of our partners to remain aware and vigilant of potential threats. Please see the below NJOHSP Resiliency Bulletin for more information:

your organization through AmeriCorps VISTA please contact the NJ office of the Corporation for National Service at nj@cns.gov or 609-9898-0474.

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!

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.



Public Assembly and Mass Shooting

Orlando Mass Shooting

In the early hours of June 12th, a mass shooting took place at Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida. The attack was conducted by a lone gunman who killed 49 people and injured at least 53 more. This incident marks the deadliest mass shooting in US history. Currently, there are no specific or credible threats to New Jersey; however, the public is encouraged to remain vigilant and [report suspicious activity](#).

Resources and information on active shooter events are available from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, as well as from our federal partners:

- Upon request, the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness can provide [Active Shooter Response Training](#).
- The FBI video [Run, Hide, Fight, Surviving an Active Shooter Event](#) provides useful information for additional situational awareness.
- The FEMA Emergency Management Institute provides free online courses including [IS-907: Active Shooter](#).



Infrastructure Protection Resource Sheet

The attack in Orlando, as well as in Paris last year, demonstrate terrorists' continued targeting of nightclubs and entertainment districts. These public assembly locations share common vulnerabilities of open accessibility, dim lighting, and large crowds. The New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness has compiled an [Infrastructure Protection Resource Sheet](#) for venues such as nightclubs and entertainment districts. This product provides indicators of terrorist activity and protective measures specific to entertainment and public assembly venues.

Special Events Submission Form

The New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness compiles and maintains a repository of upcoming large-scale special events throughout the state. Upcoming events such as concerts, community celebrations, and sporting events are identified and distributed to state and local law enforcement agencies for situational awareness and planning assistance. The comprehensive special events list provides situational awareness to public safety officials while enabling resource and logistics coordination. Visit the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness website to complete the online [Special Events Submission Form](#).

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Gov. Chris Christie | Lt. Gov. Kim Guzzetta | The Chief Justice

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Infrastructure Protection Resource Sheet
Public Assembly: Nightclubs and Entertainment Districts

The attack in Orlando, as well as in Paris for past, demonstrate terrorists' continued targeting of nightclubs and entertainment districts. These public assembly locations share common vulnerabilities of open accessibility, dim lighting, and large crowds.

Threats of Most Concern to Nightclubs and Entertainment Districts include:

- Improvised explosive device
- Active shooter attacks, including the use of chemical or biological agents

Physical Indicators of Terrorist Activity include:

- Individuals wearing bulky clothing that may be used to conceal weapons or explosives
- Suspicious or illegally parked vehicles near buildings or other critical points
- Unattended packages such as backpacks that could contain explosives
- Indicators of unauthorized access to heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems or telephone databases near 911 centers

Physical Indicators of Terrorist Surveillance include:

- Persons loitering in the same area over multiple days with no reasonable explanation
- Personnel being questioned about venue operations or security measures
- Unfamiliar employees, contract workers, or maintenance of maintenance activities in the vicinity

Considerations for Law Enforcement include:

- Prepare monthly and quarterly for attacks at public venues that could result in mass casualties
- Be aware of tactical challenges of critical response, law stability, and potential for mass panic
- Be prepared to respond for multiple threats in a coordinated manner with homeland

Protective Measures include:

- Develop plan for security and emergency response
- Establish regular communication with local law enforcement
- Conduct regular exercises with employees
- Incorporate security measures and emergency procedures into employee training
- Conduct routine drills in the facility and its restricted areas
- Insult and regularly test an emergency communication system
- Utilize threat networks and encourage employees to report any threat or suspicious situation

Incident Response:
Start law enforcement immediately by calling 911

Support:
Visit [njohsp.gov](#) to connect with the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, find a website, resources, and facilitate threat prevention.

Prepare:
Visit [njohsp.gov/2016/06/15/prepare](#) to learn about planning resources that are available for your organization.

Train:
Visit [njohsp.gov/2016/06/15/train](#) to learn about training and simulation resources that are available for your organization.

Report:
Dial 2-1-1 or email [njohsp@njohsp.gov](#) to report suspicious activity or "see something say something".
Visit [njohsp.gov/2016/06/15/report](#) to learn more about suspicious activity reporting.

DO NOT DISSEMINATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S WEBSITE. YOU PROVIDE YOUR BEST COPY.

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Remain Vigilant

It is incumbent on all of us to reinforce the importance of being aware of our surroundings. If you see any suspicious activity, please report it directly to a police officer or to the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness' Counterterrorism Watch by dialing 2-1-1. You can also report suspicious activity to tips@njohsp.gov.



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