

NJVOAD: New Jersey Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Cooperation | Communication | Coordination | Collaboration



What is VOAD?



- **Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster**
- National organization with a VOAD presence in all 50 states, 4 territories and the District of Columbia
- Non-profit, non-partisan, membership-based organization;
- Forum where organizations share knowledge and resources throughout the disaster cycle—preparation, response and recovery—to help disaster survivors and their communities;
- Convening mechanisms, outreach, advocacy, and facilitator for the application of our values and core principles.

NJVOAD Mission



NJVOAD's mission is to bring together New Jersey organizations active in disaster relief, and to foster cooperation and coordination in preparedness, response, and recovery in order to offer more effective services to people and communities affected by disaster.



It Takes a VOAD



- The guiding principle behind NJVOAD's mission is to build and strengthen relationships and partnerships to provide the most effective and efficient services and resources to communities and individuals in need. Just as "it takes a village" to raise a child, it takes a VOAD to bring organizations together to help a community and individuals recover from a disaster. This approach:
 - Eliminates or reduces duplication of services
 - Creates effective coordination of resources
 - Provides a consistent and coordinated message
 - Builds trust in communities



The 4 Cs



- **Cooperation:** recognizing that we need each other, acknowledging that each member organization adds value, and understanding that our common goals for the community are best achieved when we work together.
- **Communication:** fostering a climate of openness which promotes sharing of information among members, and actively disseminating information to partners through social media, newsletters, directories, research and demonstration, case studies, and critique.
- **Coordination:** establishing processes to work together in a non-competitive manner to effectively utilize resources among member organizations and state and national partners.
- **Collaboration:** identifying shared goals and developing strategic partnerships to actively work together to accomplish the mission of NJVOAD.

NJVOAD History



- NJVOAD in its current form began after Hurricane Andrew in 1992
- NJVOAD hosted the National VOAD Conference in Atlantic City in 1998
- Tropical Storm Floyd – September 1999
- 9/11 – NJIPDR (NJ Interfaith Partnership for Disaster Recovery) was formed
- Hurricane Irene – August 2011
- Hurricane Sandy – October 2012
- Localized and regional events

Planning and Preparedness



- County and regional VOADs / COADs (Voluntary or Community Organizations Active in Disaster)
- Emergency Support Function (ESF) Planning
- Recovery Support Function (RSF) Planning
- Regional Operations Intelligence Center (ROIC)
- National Mass Care Strategy



Disaster Response and Recovery



- Advance planning / convening pre-disaster
- Activation of the NJVOAD reflects the “home rule” process utilized throughout NJ.
 - County or regional VOAD(s)/COAD(s) (Voluntary or Community Organizations Active in Disaster) will be the first to identify and address the needs for localized disasters. NJVOAD can support if asked
 - Regional or statewide events will likely trigger NJVOAD convening to mobilize resources needed for the affected population
- Long Term Recovery Groups (LTRGs)

NJVOAD Executive Committee



**American
Red Cross**



National Partners



- Adventist Community Services
- American Disaster Reserve
- American Red Cross
- Buddhist Tzu-Chi Foundation
- Catholic Charities
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Church World Services
- Episcopal Disaster Relief
- FEMA
- ICNA Relief USA
- Lutheran Social Ministries
- National VOAD
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- The Salvation Army
- United Methodist Church
- United Sikhs



Statewide Partners



- American Radio Relay League
- Association of NJ Volunteer Centers
- Center for Non-Profit Corporation
- Community FoodBank of NJ
- Council of New Jersey Grantmakers
- Family Support Centers of NJ
- Family Resource Network NJ Caregivers
- Goodwill Industries of Greater NY and Northern NJ
- Governor's Office on Volunteerism
- H.E.A.R.T. 9/11
- Homeless to Independence
- International Institute of NJ
- Islamic Society of NJ
- Jersey Cares
- Legal Services of NJ
- NJ 2-1-1 Partnership
- NJ Business Force – BEOC Alliance
- NJ First Aid Council
- NJ Interfaith Partnership for Disaster Recovery
- NJ Motor Truck Association
- NJ Office of Emergency Management
- NJ Psychiatric Association
- NJ State Police
- NJ Task Force 1
- Norwescap RSVP Volunteer Resource Center
- Pass It Along
- Voices of September 11
- Volunteer Management Centers

Get Involved



- **Become a NJVOAD member**

- All organizations involved in disaster preparedness, response and/or recovery in the State of New Jersey are eligible and encouraged to apply for membership in the NJVOAD
- NJVOAD welcomes local, state and national businesses as well as governmental partners to join NJVOAD and support our mission

- **Support NJVOAD and member organizations**

- Financial donations
- Donated goods/services
- Volunteer

- **Be Prepared – ready.gov**

