



**Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (MDVOAD)
Quarterly Meeting
Friday, 11 June 2010**

MEETING NOTES

This quarterly meeting of MDVOAD was held at the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME, Mickey Gomez – Mickey welcomed everyone, thanked MEMA for hosting this meeting, and asked everyone to go ahead and introduce themselves.

ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES:

Maryland State Animal Response Team (MDSART) – Planning for a booth at the MD State Fair, w/ some local CART involvement.

Lutheran Disaster Response – New state plan, working long-term recovery (LTR) task force. Looking forward to early August meeting w/ other faith-based groups to plan LTR for MD.

Maryland Department of Human Resources (DHR) – Ongoing training in emergency preparedness and shelter management. Will have display at State Office Bldg during Emergency Preparedness Week (9/7/10-9/10/10). Currently planning functional exercise on 8/11/10 involving evacuation and sheltering. Volunteers will be needed.

Baptist Conv. Of MD & DE – Involved in New England spring flood response and recovery operations.

Adventist Community Services/Disaster Response – Continued training on donations management operations. Kitty introduced John Belliveau.

Anne Arundel Volunteer Center – Planning for joint Volunteer Mobilization Center (VMC) exercise with Howard County in August.

Lion's Club – Addressing ongoing issues regarding damaging fire at Sykesville Volunteer Fire Company.

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) – Addressing Gulf Coast issues and other emergency planning issues with all of their parishes.

211MD – Recorded very few calls related to the H1N1 flu.

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) – Addressing COOP planning needs for hospitals.

UMD - Center for Health and Homeland Security – For questions regarding the Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program, feel free to contact Joanne Knapp (jknapp@law.umaryland.edu).

Mercy Medical Airlift – Ongoing actions w/ Haiti and Tennessee floods and gearing up for hurricane season.

Volunteer Frederick – Looking to partner w/ groups to enhance VMC capabilities and readiness. Regional VMC training upcoming in August.

The Volunteer Center Serving Howard County – VMC training upcoming in August (8/22) and new CERT class.

Baltimore County – “Emergency Preparedness in Serving Special Populations” workshop scheduled for 6/23/10.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Scott Knox (not present) – The MDVOAD bank account balance, as of June 11, 2010, is \$9,176.07. The primary expense for 2010 has been supporting a MDVOAD member who attended the 2010 NVOAD Conference (\$1,186.24). Other expenses are expected to include meals for MDVOAD meetings (\$385 was spent on lunch for March 2011 meeting). Other expenses include PO Box, website, NVOAD dues, etc.

2010 MDVOAD Membership forms have been posted to the website. Please renew you 2010 MDVOAD membership by sending in your dues to Scott (mailing address is on the website).

SECRETARY'S REPORT, Steve Welzant – As always, please forward suggestions for website improvements to Steve. The 2010 MDVOAD Resource Directory has been posted to the website. Upgrades to the website are underway, stay tuned.

MEMA UPDATE, Ruth Mascari – 6/30/10 is “Preparedness Day” and MEMA will be hosting a conference of local Citizens Corps Councils to share best practices. Working on developing a tropical cyclones annex to the State emergency operations plan (EOP). Also developing a “no-notice” event emergency checklist for State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) operations. Aidmatrix training set for 6/24 in SEOC or webinar format. Currently monitoring oil spill news from the Gulf and attending planning meetings in case oil comes up east coast.

NVOAD CONFERENCE REPORT – The NVOAD Conference was recently held in Orlando, FL. Mickey Gomez reports that Diana Rothe-Smith is stepping down as NVOAD Chief. Interviews are currently underway for a new leader. A new NVOAD logo was unveiled; MDVOAD will redesign its logo to conform to the new NVOAD logo. A new FEMA EMI course has been posted for spontaneous volunteer management. Joan Willoughby is the new Volunteer Management Subcommittee chair.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Emergency Management Institute (EMI) – <http://training.fema.gov/>
- MDVOAD page on Facebook being planned.
- Forward ideas you may have for speakers at upcoming MDVOAD meetings to Mickey.

NEXT MDVOAD QUARTERLY MEETING:

September 10, 2010, 10 AM to 2 PM, location TBD

If your organization would like to host the next MDVOAD Quarterly Meeting, please contact Mickey Gomez (mickey@volunteerhoward.org).