



Cuyahoga County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

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COAD Connect #1

1. Preparedness Committee (Recruitment)

- a. Serena Steele and I have been identifying faith-based organizations (FBOs) in Cuyahoga County. With the help of the County's Emergency Coordinators and others, we have 156 on our list so far. We will be recruiting these FBOs to (1) prepare their congregations for disasters, (2) develop continuity of operations plans, (3) develop emergency response teams, (4) extend their everyday ministries to disasters, and (5) integrate into community emergency operations plans.
- b. To support this project, we have scheduled a training called *MGT405 Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disasters at the Brecksville Community Center*. Please see the attached flyer for details and registration information.
- c. Please note that *IS-100.b Introduction to Incident Command System* is a recommended prerequisite. You can access the online training at <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.b>.

2. Mass Care Committee

- a. A Working Group has produced a *Warming and Cooling Center Operations Guide* to assist organizations that want to operate a warming or cooling center. We are finalizing the *Guide*, which will be posted on the COAD website and made available to agencies and organizations that want to use it.
- b. The County is updating its shelter plan. We will determine if COAD has a role.

3. Emergency Assistance Committee

- a. *Evacuation and Re-entry*
 - Action on this function has been delayed until an instructor becomes available to teach the *Evacuation and Re-entry Planning* course.
- b. *Repatriation*
 - Repatriation is when American citizens who are living in other countries must return quickly due to natural disasters, violence, or armed conflicts. The State of Ohio is working on their plan. When it is completed, Cuyahoga County will develop a plan consistent with the State. If COAD has a role in the plan, a subcommittee or working group will be formed to determine how we will proceed.

c. *Functional Needs*

- A course entitled *OH197 Planning for Access and Functional Needs in Emergencies* will be held on October 26-27, 2017, at the American Red Cross. See the attached flyer for details and registration information.
- The recommended prerequisites are *IS-100.b Introduction to the Incident Command System* at <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.b> and *IS-700.a Introduction to the National Incident Management System* at <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.a>.
- We are determining if we will launch the subcommittee before or after the class.

d. *Animals Subcommittee*

- The Animals Decontamination Group has been formed by the County Animal Shelter, Cleveland Animal Protective League, and City of Cleveland Division of Animal Care and Control. The Group is in the process of determining the training, supplies, and equipment they will need and will be writing Standard Operating Guidelines.
- The next step for the Animals Subcommittee will be to develop our public awareness campaign, which will inform the public about pet preparedness and sheltering. Date to be announced.

e. *Volunteers Subcommittee*

- On April 27-28 we held the G-489 Local Volunteers and Donations Management course and will hold the *G489 Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters* class on August 16 at the Independence Civic Center. See the attached flyer for details and registration information. Note that the zip code for the Independence Civic Center should be 44131.
- The recommended prerequisite for this course is *IS-288.a The Role of Voluntary Organizations in Emergency Management* at <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-288.a>.

4. Human Services Committee

- Nothing pending.

5. Membership

- We have 7 new members who should be approved at the next Executive Committee meeting.

6. Executive Committee Meeting

- The next meeting will be Monday, June 12, 2017, 1000a-1200p, at the American Red Cross, 3747 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 44115, Room 1020B. All are welcome.
- The agenda will be posted on the COAD website at <http://ja.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/coad.aspx>.