



Cuyahoga County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

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COAD Connect #2 June 30, 2017

1. Preparedness Committee

a. *Recruitment – Faith-Based Organizations*

- We have 233 FBOs on our spreadsheet, which will be a good beginning for our project. We have challenges in reaching them, however, because our contact information rarely includes email addresses.
- If you know of a FBO that would like to join this project, please direct them to Sharon Nicastro at snicastro@sbcglobal.net.
- We hope to connect with partners for this project at the *Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disasters* at the Brecksville Community Center on Saturday, July 15, 2017. If you would like to participate in the class, a flyer with details and registration information is attached.
- After the class, we will convene the FBO Subcommittee to integrate the FBOs into the emergency management system.

2. Mass Care Committee

- a. The *Warming and Cooling Center Operations Guide* is nearly finished. Sharon Nicastro needs to make a few revisions and then submit to the Working Group for a final review. The *Guide* will then be submitted to the County Office of Emergency Management to be formatted. The final product will be posted on the COAD webpage for anyone to use/modify according to their needs.
- b. We await the release of the revised County shelter plan so we can determine the COAD role.

3. Emergency Assistance Committee

a. *Evacuation and Re-entry*

- Still waiting for an instructor to become available for the *Evacuation and Re-entry Planning* course.

b. *Repatriation*

- Still waiting for the State to complete its repatriation plan, so Cuyahoga County can develop a consistent plan.

c. *Functional Needs*

- A Functional Needs Working Group consisting of Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management, Cleveland Office of Emergency Management, and Sharon Nicastro will meet to determine preliminary objectives for the Functional Needs Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will review/revise the objectives and create a strategic plan.
- The Working Group will determine a launch date for the Subcommittee.
- Anyone who expects to participate in the Subcommittee should consider attending the *OH197 Planning for Access and Functional Needs in Emergencies*, which will be held on October 26-27, 2017, at the American Red Cross. See the attached flyer for details and registration information.

d. *Animals Subcommittee*

- Mark Vedder, the “County Hazmat Guy”, has joined the Animals Decontamination Group and has graciously agreed to provide training for 45 employees of the County Animal Shelter, Cleveland APL, and City of Cleveland Division of Animal Care and Control at no charge. The Group is seeking sources of personal protective equipment specific to hazmat responses.
- The Animal Decontamination Group is determining the best way to recruit veterinarians.
- 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 Volunteers Subcommittee will launch after the G489 class. The Subcommittee objectives will be to network organizations that can provide or will need volunteers for a disaster response, plan for the operation of a Volunteer Registration Center, and credential volunteers according to FEMA guidelines.

4. **Human Services Committee**

- a. Nothing pending.

5. **Membership**

- a. Eight new members were approved at the Executive Committee meeting on June 12.

b. Membership is at its highest level since inception. We expect membership to increase as new subcommittees are formed.

c. Current members are:

- Amateur Radio Emergency Services
- American Red Cross of Greater Cleveland
- Bedford Heights Fire Department
- City of Cleveland Division of Animal Care and Control
- City of Cleveland Office of Emergency Management
- Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Cuyahoga County Board of Health
- Garfield Heights CERT
- Greater Cleveland Food Bank
- Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity
- Linking Employment, Abilities, and Potential (LEAP)
- Team Rubicon
- The Salvation Army
- Tri Community CERT
- United Way 2-1-1
- VA Medical Center Spinal Cord Injury/D System of Care
- Veterans Service Commission
- Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging
- Woodmere Village Fire Department