



**Cuyahoga County  
Voluntary Organizations  
Active in Disaster**

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**COAD Connect #3  
July 31, 2017**

**1. Preparedness Committee**

a. *Recruitment – Faith-Based Organizations*

- Approximately 25 people attended the *Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disasters* on July 15.
- The next steps are to convene the Faith-Based Organizations Subcommittee and to conduct planning workshops. Dates are to be determined.
- FBOs will be encouraged to prepare the people of their congregation, create continuity of operations plans for their organization, and extend their ministries to disaster situations both within their congregations and the community.

**2. Mass Care Committee**

- a. The *Warming and Cooling Center Operations Guide* was submitted to the Working Group members who had no further suggestions. The *Guide* will be submitted to the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management on August 1 for their comment. 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*

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

b. *Repatriation*

- 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 met to determine a direction for the Functional Needs Subcommittee. There was much to discuss and another meeting has been set.

- 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*

- The first hazmat training session will be in October. Mark Vedder compiled a preliminary list of equipment and supplies, and the Group is determining how they can acquire them. Mark Vedder also has a possible source of a trailer in which to store and transport the equipment.
- The ADG supervisors will ask the Cleveland Academy of Veterinary Medicine to advertise our need for veterinarians to be advisers and responders with the ADG.
- The Animals Subcommittee will continue to identify organizations to fill roles and responsibilities that were identified in the Animals in Disaster Plan. The Subcommittee will need to develop its public awareness campaign, which will inform the public about pet preparedness and sheltering. Date of the next meeting is to be determined.

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. *We need a few more registrants or the class might be cancelled.*
- The Volunteers Subcommittee will convene 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. Date of first meeting is to be determined.
- *Team Rubicon, one of COAD's newest members, has brought its Mobile Training Center to Cleveland and has invited COAD and other community organizations to an open house on Friday, August 4, at 4:00 pm.*

4. **Human Services Committee**

- a. Nothing pending.