



Cuyahoga County
Voluntary Organizations
Active in Disaster

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COAD Connect #4
August 31, 2017

1. Preparedness Committee

- a. Nothing pending

2. Mass Care Committee

- a. Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management has suggested minor changes/additions to the *Warming and Cooling Center Operations Guide*. Those revisions should be ready within the next couple of weeks.
- b. The Sheltering Strategy Annex to the County's Emergency Operations Plan has been released. COAD will need to determine our role in the Annex.

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 and COAD can determine its role.

c. *Functional Needs*

- The launch date for the Functional Needs Subcommittee is Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 9:00a-11:00a, at the Northeast Ohio Sewer District, 4747 E. 49th Street, Cuyahoga Heights 44125. Agenda to follow.
- Anyone who plans to participate in the Subcommittee should consider attending the *OH197 Planning for Access and Functional Needs in Emergencies* course, which will be held on October 26-27, 2017, at the American Red Cross. See the attached flyer for details and registration information. As of today the class is more than half full.

d. *Animals Subcommittee*

- Because the Animal Decontamination Group does not have funding for personal protective equipment, Mark Vedder suggested that we ask local Police Chiefs if they could donate PPE kits that they did not need. Serena Steele asked the Police Chiefs,

and the response was gratifying. The group now has 30 PPE kits. Names of contributing departments will be given in the September *COAD Connect*.

- A veterinarian recruitment letter was written and will be sent to Cleveland Academy of Veterinary Medicine to explain 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. *Faith-Based Organizations Subcommittee*

- The Subcommittee was prepared to launch on September 6, 2017, but the meeting will be rescheduled. We had interest but the date was not good for many.
- We are researching umbrella organizations through which we can contact individual congregations.

f. *Volunteers Subcommittee*

- We had a good turnout for the *G489 Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters* class on August 16 at the Independence Civic Center. Attendees got a brief look at the County Volunteer Registration Center plan.
- The Volunteers Subcommittee will convene soon. 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.
- Several COAD members attended the Team Rubicon open house on August 4 to see their Mobile Training Center and talk with some of the members. Team Rubicon is an international, non-profit organization of former military members and civilians who can offer many services during disasters, including debris removal by specially trained sawyers.

4. **Human Services Committee**

- a. Nothing pending.