



# Cuyahoga County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

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## COAD Connect #5 September 30, 2017

### 1. Preparedness Committee

- a. The County Office of Emergency Management (CCOEM) is updating the County Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), which identifies the threats (criminal and terrorist incidents) and hazards (natural and unintentional human-caused incidents) that are most likely to occur in Cuyahoga County, analyzes the capabilities that the County has for managing those incidents, and identifies gaps in resources. The COAD Executive Committee will meet with the CCOEM to discuss the core capabilities that COAD can contribute. The meeting will take place on Monday, October 2, 2017, 2:00p-4:00p, at the American Red Cross, Room 1020B. All are invited.

### 2. Mass Care Committee

- a. The *Warming and Cooling Center Operations Guide* should be posted on the COAD webpage during the coming week.
- 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 in 2018 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 Functional Needs Subcommittee held its first meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. Seventeen (17) people attended, and 12 agencies/organizations were represented. The Subcommittee will be reviewing goals and objectives at the next meeting on Monday, October 30, 10:00a-12:00p, at the American Red Cross.



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- The *OH197 Planning for Access and Functional Needs in Emergencies* course has been postponed until 2018. The instructor is a FEMA reservist who is on mandatory deployment. Those who have registered will be notified of the postponement by the State.

d. *Animals Subcommittee*

- The Animal Decontamination Group (ADG) has acquired more than 30 personal protective kits from various police departments. CCOEM is still collecting kits.
- The Animals' Disaster Team, which has been serving Cuyahoga County for 25 years, is disbanding. The Animals Subcommittee will need to determine how it can fill this gap, especially in the area of pet sheltering.
- As yet there has been no response to our request for volunteer veterinarians to work with the Animal Decontamination Group.
- 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 launch date has been re-scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2017, 6:30p-8:00p, at the Independence Public Library.
- The Subcommittee is researching umbrella organizations through which it can contact individual congregations.

f. *Volunteers Subcommittee*

- The Volunteers Subcommittee launch date is to be determined. 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.