



Cuyahoga County Community Organizations Active in Disaster

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1. Preparedness Committee

- a. Nothing pending.

2. Mass Care Committee

- a. The *Warming and Cooling Center Operations Guide* is posted under **Resources** on the COAD webpage at <http://ja.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/COAD-Resources.aspx>. It is posted in pdf with the COAD logo and in Word without the logo for organizations that wish to make modifications or cut and paste portions into their plans.
- b. The Executive Committee participated in the update of the Mass Care portion of the County Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA), which examines the County's capabilities in responding to a worst-case scenario.

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 Subcommittee*
 - The Subcommittee is determining a course of action to achieve its goals and objectives.
- d. *Animals Subcommittee*
 - The Animal Decontamination Group (ADG) has acquired more than 30 personal protective kits from various police departments. The first group of members has completed hazardous materials training.
 - As yet there has been no response to our request for volunteer veterinarians to work with the Animal Decontamination Group.



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- 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 to Thursday, November 30, 2017, 6:30p-8:00p, at the Independence Public Library.

f. *Volunteers Subcommittee*

- The Volunteers Subcommittee will launch in early 2018. The Subcommittee objectives will be to network organizations that can provide or will need volunteers for a disaster response, integrate voluntary organizations into the county emergency management system, plan for the operation of a Volunteer Registration Center, credential volunteers according to FEMA guidelines, and provide training.

4. **Human Services Committee**

- a. Planning for a long-term recovery group will need to begin in 2018.