



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.

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*

- One of the objectives of the Subcommittee is to engage individuals with functional needs in disaster training and exercises. The National Disaster Medical System will hold an exercise in August 2018. We will recruit individuals for this exercise.

d. *Animals Subcommittee*

- 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.



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e. *Faith-Based Organizations Subcommittee*

- The Subcommittee held its first meeting on November 30 at the Independence Public Library. Attendance was light but discussion was fruitful.
- FBO Objectives:
 - Prepare your congregants for disasters.
 - Plan for the continued operation of your organization.
 - Extend your everyday ministries to disaster situations within your congregation and in your community.
 - Implement security measures at your house of worship.
 - Network and coordinate with other FBOs, community organizations, and local government.
 - Connect with the national/state/regional disaster response group within your faith.
 - Learn emergency management principles and operate within the emergency management system.
 - Receive planning guidelines, training, resources, and technical assistance.
- The attendees determined that a series of workshops covering planning steps for each objective would be helpful. The tentative plan is to provide workshops in four geographical areas (e.g., northwest, northeast, southwest, southeast) with some workshops during the day and others on an evening/weekend.
- No meetings or workshops are planned for December.
- The Subcommittee will need to find a way to reach individual FBOs.

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.
- The Subcommittee will be engaged in the National Disaster Medical System exercise in August 2018.

4. **Human Services Committee**

- a. Planning for a long-term recovery group will need to begin in 2018.
- b. Noelle Tsevdos of the County Board of Developmental Disabilities will help to mobilize the County human services agencies to determine a systematic approach to disaster casework. These agencies will be first-tier responders, along with non-governmental organizations, to assist disaster survivors.