



**Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (MDVOAD)
Quarterly Meeting
Friday, 09 March 2007**

MEETING MINUTES

This quarterly meeting of MDVOAD was held at the American Red Cross – Central Maryland Chapter Headquarters in Baltimore, MD.

CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS – Kevin Burr: Kevin introduced Frank Miller, Chapter Executive of the American Red Cross – Central Maryland Chapter (ARC-CMC) and Fred Rigger, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for ARC-CMC.

Kevin then thanked Brian Wilbon, Deputy Secretary for Operations of the Maryland Department of Human Resources, and Rainier Harvey Sr. for attending. Kevin gave a brief presentation that included an overview of MDVOAD. Then each member organization took a few moments to introduce themselves and gave a brief description of their organization's role.

REMARKS BY NVOAD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANDE MILLER: Ande addressed items such as the task force conference call, the upcoming NVOAD Conference, AidMatrix (FEMA has funded, to support state DM programs), American Logistics Aid Network, and the National Response Plan (NRP) update.

The new draft NRP contains a volunteer management/donations management piece. The expectation was for a better plan/policy. MDVOAD members should review the NGO related pieces in the new draft NRP.

The NVOAD website has posted updated membership lists

BUDGET REPORT – Scott Knox: MDVOAD fund balance = \$16,192 in account. Some larger expenses will be going out the door soon (i.e. supporting NVOAD attendance) plus some other minor expenses. Please get your 2007 membership or membership renewal forms in to Scott. Form available on www.mdvoad.org.

WEBSITE UPDATE – Steve Welzant: Please get updates for the MDVOAD Resource Directory to Steve ASAP (swelzant@baltimorecountymd.gov).

2007 NVOAD CONFERENCE: Will be held in Albuquerque, NM, April 17-22 2007. MDVOAD will be represented, ARC will present on the emergency repatriation event at BWI. MDVOAD will receive the "Organization of Excellence" award at this year's NVOAD Conference.

NVOAD PILOT GRANT PROJECT – There is funding for Volunteer Centers to conduct a Train-the-Trainer for volunteer management. The first training will be held in Baltimore County (planned for early April). The first three events will be train-the-trainer events and will then spread out from there. The training will focus on how to effectively locate, access, and manage disaster volunteers.

STATEWIDE HURRICANE EXERCISE – Steve Taylor from MEMA gave a brief overview of the upcoming hurricane recovery exercise. It will be held on 4/26/2007 and focus on short-term recovery. Virginia, Maryland, and the National Capital Region (NCR) will be running independent, but parallel

exercises that day. Twenty-four of twenty-six Maryland jurisdictions will be participating. The State EOC will be fully activated. The NCR will host additional meetings to discuss more long-term recovery issues.

REGIONAL COORDINATION – Ollie Davidson (HSUS): Virginia put out a really good pandemic flu awareness DVD, you can find the video by going to Google and enter “pandemic flu video”, it’s the first thing to come up.

Northern VA and VA VOAD are all active, ask Ollie for details.

DC VOAD – Susan Taylor has renewed efforts, learning management system (LMS), quarterly meetings ongoing. Let Susan know if you want to be on mailing list for DCVOAD (suetaylor1@juno.com).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ❑ ESF 15 – Let Debbie Staigerwald (dstaigerwald@gosv.state.md.us) know what you can do to help in regard to ESF 15 assistance and let her know if you know of anyone who would be interested in helping staff ESF 15 desk during an activation, they would need WebEOC training.
- ❑ Long-Term Recovery – No report
- ❑ Membership and Outreach – Let Mickey Gomez (mickey@volunteerhoward.org) know if you know of a group interested in coming to a MDVOAD meeting or if there is a group out there that is interested.

ADDITIONAL AGENCY NOTES:

American Red Cross: 3/23/2007 is ARC Day in Annapolis

Maryland Food Bank: Deborah Flateman takes over as new director.

Maryland Department of Human Resources: DHR awarded funding to assist Katrina victims in Maryland.

AA County Volunteer Center: Please visit www.marylandvolunteercenters.org to find out what Maryland Area volunteer centers are doing.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: Joan Lawrence (Medical Reserve Corps Lead) has left DHMH. Summer pandemic flu exercise is currently being planned for early August.

THE NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, JUNE 8th, 2007, 10 AM TO 2 PM

LOCATION TBA

3/9/2007 MDVOAD MEETING ATTENDEES:

Tom LeBlanc, Clayton Flowers – Adventist Community Services (ACS)	Kevin Burr, Cathy LaFleur, David Belton, Leslie Fries, Linda Frazier, Julie Barr-Strasburg, Kevin Sedker – ARC
Adam Stolz – Baltimore City Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management	Steve Welzant – Baltimore County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Mickey Gomez, Pam Simonson – Volunteer Center Serving Howard County	George Blevins – Baptist Convention of MD/DE
Debbie Staigerwald, Keith Hart – Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV)	Oliver Davidson – Humane Society of the United States
Barbara Fay – Maryland Department on Disabilities (MDOD)	Gail Wovk – Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH)
Chaplain Imogene B. Stewart, Betty Howie – House of Imogene Shelters/CAP	Wayne Flickinger – Maryland Food Bank
Joan Huang, Clara Cheng – Tzu Chi Foundation	John Hoffman – Mercy Medical Airlift/Angel Flight
Scott Knox – MDVOAD Treasurer	Tom Wells, Susan Taylor - Churches of Scientology Disaster Response
Pascalis “Lee” Papouras – International Orthodox Christian Charities	Michele Kehl – Baltimore County Volunteers
Fay Mauro, Patrice Costa – Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County	Sandy Ferguson – United Methodist Church
Lilah Haxton Fred Frey, Steve Taylor – Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)	Pam Spring – Baltimore County Department of Social Services
Dr. Jack Casper, Ronald Sohn – Maryland State Animal Response Team (MDSART)	Suzie Sauerwalt – FEMA Region III Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)
Ashley Dietz – VA/MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine	Jamie Matthews, Clayton Wagner – We Care Ministries
Kristin Bibo – Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers	Lon Kinley, Connie Wise – The Salvation Army
Cathy Welker, Karen Sank – Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management	Carol Haag, Jamie Sonnenburg – Volunteer Frederick
Elliott Harkavy – EGH Associates	Kathleen Young – Balt. Co. Dept. of Aging
Izzy Patoka, Angela Bernstein – Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives	Ande Miller - NVOAD
Charles Manto, Robin Frazier – Instant Access Networks, LLC (IAN)	Brian Wilbon, Rainier Harvey Sr., Warren Adams – Department of Human Resources (DHR)
Katie Miller-Holland – Lutheran Social Services/NCA	