



**Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (MDVOAD)
Quarterly Meeting
Friday, 08 June 2007**

MEETING MINUTES

This quarterly meeting of MDVOAD was held at the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) located in Reisterstown, Maryland.

CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS – Kevin Burr welcomed everyone and introduced the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor, Andy Lauand. Kevin then gave a brief presentation that included an overview of MDVOAD. Andy provided his email address for those with any concerns/questions (Lauand@gov.state.md.us). Andy stated that there is an effort to launch a "Civic Guard", stay tuned for more information.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) DISASTER PROGRAMS – Rhonda Brown is the Disaster Coordinator for MD/DC (Phone: 410-962-2697, email: Rhonda.brown@irs.gov). Rhonda is part of a group within IRS that serves to educate small businesses and assist in disaster relief/recovery. The Area Coordinator for MD/VA/DC is David Yeskoo (Phone: [804] 916-3851). The IRS uses volunteers to come in and assist us with their disaster relief efforts. They provide tax information to disaster victims at disaster recovery centers (DRCs). They publish and distribute the Disaster Losses Kit brochure (2194 – For Individuals, 2194-B – for businesses) and Form 584 – Resource Tool/Home inventory sheet for homeowners. Info Line: (866) 562-5227, M-F 7 AM -10 PM, www.irs.gov. They will have enough reps to staff all open DRCs.

CLOWNS IN DISASTER – RED NOSE RESPONSE – Bob and Teresa Gretton attempt to provide some comic relief to those who have suffered from a large disaster and spread the word about disaster preparedness. For more info, please visit www.rednoseresponse.org.

RECENT EVENTS REPORTS:

- CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE DISASTER CONFERENCE – Kevin Burr attended...big push with all the Americorps programs nationwide. Maryland is well ahead of many in the nation with our relationship with Americorps.
- 2007 NVOAD CONFERENCE – The 2007 State/Territorial VOAD Award for Excellence presented to MDVOAD at the NVOAD Conference on 4/19/2007 for our involvement in the emergency repatriation (Americans evacuated from Lebanon) event last summer. Kevin Burr, Mickey Gomez, Joan Willoughby, and Kitty Juneau reported out on their experience.
- MEMA DIRECTORS CONFERENCE – Held in Ocean City from 5/22 to 5/25.
- SEVERE STORMS CONFERENCE – Annual event, organized by MEMA, recently held at the Maritime Institute in Mid-April.

PANDEMIC FLU UPDATE – Some activity with the State COOP taskforce, upcoming Pan Flu Exercise. CERT involvement in PG Co. to gauge hospital surge info. There is a lot of activity going on out there (IRS, IBM, etc.), all good stuff, can be hard to keep up with everything that is happening.

VOLUNTEER MOBILIZATION CENTERS (VMC) – VMC forms will be added to the MDVOAD website. Agency and volunteer training is ongoing. Agency Training Drill at Essex Senior 1:30 PM to

3:30 PM on 6/27. Please keep VOAD/GOSV desk at State Emergency Operations Center updated if you are conducting VMC operations, the phone number is 410-517-3658 (make it a part of VMC procedures).

WEBSITE UPDATE – Steve Welzant is looking into adding a place on the website for MDVOAD member agencies to post situational updates during times of disaster. Please send Steve updates for the MDVOAD Resource Directory.

BUDGET REPORT – Scott Knox: MDVOAD fund balance = \$16,300 in account, though some recent expenses may cut this back a little (\$1,500 to \$2,000) by this fall. Please get your 2007 membership forms in to Scott if you haven't already done so, the form is available on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ESF 15: Aidmatrix has developed a “superhighway” for sharing of donations information. There are concerns about Aidmatrix stepping in the way of the VOLAGs, even though there is support via NVOAD. It is a modular system; maybe MD would not use certain aspects. At this point, Maryland is just exploring the possibilities concerning Aidmatrix. It may not be compatible with WebEOC. Get Aidmatrix to come to next MDVOAD Meeting? Donations Management Discussion at Church of the Brethren 6/18.
- Membership and Outreach: ongoing efforts in speaking with national organizations.
- Long-Term Recovery: **We need a new leader for this group.** Linda, Cathy, Stacey, Steve would be interested in participating.

ADDITIONAL AGENCY NOTES:

American Red Cross – MD hurricane preparedness meeting held earlier this week. MDVOAD role was explained to many of the other ARC chapters including headquarters.

Maryland Department of Human Resources – Looking to develop shelter training for locals.

Humane Society of the United States – We have expanded our disaster services group by two people.

Maryland Emergency Management Agency – Governor's idea of civic guard being developed.

Presbyterian Disaster Response – Preparedness training ongoing, especially on eastern shore.

Anne Arundel County OEM – New chief (Wayne LeRoux) joins emergency management office. Also, at 7-9 pm on Jun. 5, 2007 AA County will be hosting their 2nd Annual Community Disaster Preparedness Meeting. The public is invited to join the Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management and others for a discussion of disaster planning in the County and what you can do to prepare for an emergency. The meeting will be held at AA Co. Community College in the Florestano Building, Room 101. For more information contact Cathy Welker (410-222-0600; fdwelk00@aacounty.org).

Volunteer Frederick – We received 30,000 from county government to develop VMC concept and MRC. They are having training for VMCs coming up. MRC pandemic flu involvement, they are participating to a limited degree in the State Pandemic flu drill. Just had first full scale CERT training.

FEMA – The new R3 VAL, Dave Grecco, introduced himself. Gap Analysis ongoing in the region, trying to identify shortfalls and gaps.

Salvation Army – Long-term recovery efforts continue for Katrina and Rita (probably another year to 18 months). Gulfport and Biloxi, much is still left to do. Locally, Lon is retiring. Major Joyce Michels will be taking over starting early July.

Volunteer Center Serving Howard County – VMC training efforts ongoing. We are referring volunteers to EMS training classes. 7/21/07 – partnering with people who serve disabilities meeting. Pilot VMC Program: tailored it as a TTT, so people can take it back and train their folks.

Baptist Convention of MD/DE – Long-term recovery efforts ongoing on gulf coast and the NE. Lots of training ongoing.

Adventist Community Services/Disaster Response – Long-term recovery efforts ongoing. Locally, ACS/ADR would like increase their collaboration regarding the development of local donations management plans. Kitty is available to assist in developing these plans.

Howard County Neighbor 2 Neighbor/CERN – Preparedness/networking activities. Hopefully, one person per neighborhood will be trained in this.

Baltimore County Volunteers – Encourages everyone to do the VMC agency training.

Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism – Regional Response 2007 (Spring Hurricane Ex.) went very well. MDVOAD Directory has been a great resource; keep your contact info updated. Trying to enlist CERT people to get Amateur Radio training. There is free training available.

Maryland State Animal Response Team (MDSART) – Encouraging the locals to develop CARTS. Improving website, www.mdsart.org. Meeting coming up on 7/25/07 at MEMA, registration form is on the website. Prospective volunteers encouraged to attend. Training programs are being developed.

Baltimore County Department of Social Services – Activated a shelter as part of the Spring Hurricane Ex. Training shelter managers.

Baltimore County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management – Hurricane Hunters visited Martin State Airport. Plan is to do this educational and awareness event every two years.

THE NEXT MDVOAD QUARTERLY MEETING:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 2007, 10 AM TO 2 PM

AT THE

**ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE CENTER
6600 MARTIN ROAD
COLUMBIA, MD 21044**

6/8/2007 MDVOAD MEETING ATTENDEES:

Cathy Welker, Karen Sank, Wayne LeRoux – Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management	Andy Lauland – Governor’s Office of Homeland Security
Kitty Juneau – Adventist Community Services (ACS)	Kevin Burr, Cathy LaFleur, Linda Frazier, Jeremy Tyler– American Red Cross (ARC)
Bob and Teresa Gretton – Red Nose Response	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 – Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV)	Joan Willoughby – Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)
Joan Driessen – Howard County Neighbor 2 Neighbor/CERN	Capt. James Schmidt – Civil Air Patrol (CAP)
Scott Knox – MDVOAD Treasurer	Anne Van Allen, Bob Schminkey – Presbyterian Church
Warren Adams, Yvette Bowman – Department of Human Resources (DHR)	Michele Kehl, Ethel Rasmussen – Baltimore County Volunteers
Lon Kinley – The Salvation Army	Sandy Ferguson – United Methodist Church
Stacey Bolyard, Fred Frey – Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)	Pam Spring – Baltimore County Department of Social Services
Dr. Jack Casper – Maryland State Animal Response Team (MDSART)	Dave Grecco – FEMA Region III Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)
Carol Haag, Jamie Sonnenburg – Volunteer Frederick	Bill Caputo – Church of the Brethren