



**Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (MDVOAD)
Quarterly Meeting
Friday, 12 June 2009**

MEETING MINUTES

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME, Kevin Burr – Following Kevin's welcoming remarks, this meeting of MDVOAD also included a welcoming message and a few brief remarks from Richard Muth, MEMA Director

H1N1 FLU UPDATE, Cathy O'Neill – The World Health Organization (WHO) recently declared a global pandemic alert. The situation is being monitored in the southern hemisphere, particularly Australia and South America, to see if new mutations are emerging. It is expected that we will experience another wave this fall; health officials are worried that this H1N1 strain could mutate and become something more serious. Several strategies exist for combating potential outbreaks (i.e. prophylaxis, vaccines, public education, etc).

REGIONAL CATASTROPHIC PREPAREDNESS GRANT PROGRAM, Lori Romer – Provided a brief overview of this grant program that requires a 25% match (in-kind or a third party match may be allowed). The two main projects that Maryland will include Analysis/Partnerships and Key Resources. More information can be found by contacting Lori or Megan Timmons at MEMA (410-517-3600) or by visiting: <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/rcp/index.shtm>.

NVOAD CONFERENCE REPORT, Group – Attendees to the NVOAD Annual Conference gave a brief summary of this year's featured topics. The 2010 NVOAD Conference will be held May 11-13 in Orlando, FL.

MEMA UPDATE, Robert Ward – Robert has been named as the new Citizens Corps Coordinator for the State of Maryland. He will be focusing on creating a State Citizens Corps Council and integrating the new Civic Guard concept. A new person will be on-board soon for the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV) to lead ESF 15 and other donations/volunteer management efforts.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Scott Knox – The MDVOAD bank account balance, as of June 12, 2009, is \$9,452.31. Some recent expenses included sending a few members to the NVOAD Conference. 2009 MDVOAD Membership forms have been posted to the website. Please renew your 2009 MDVOAD membership by sending in your dues to Scott (mailing address is on the website).

SECRETARY'S REPORT, Steve Welzant – The website experienced a brief outage in April when it was discovered the payment for the hosting service had lapsed. The bill was paid and the website was promptly put back up. As always, please forward suggestions for website improvements to Steve.

MULTI-AGENCY FEEDING PLANS, Peggy Mott – Briefing on what FEMA is working on regarding mass feeding operations and planning.

NEXT MDVOAD QUARTERLY MEETING:

September 11, 2009, 10 AM to 2 PM, at the Baptist Convention of Maryland and Delaware, Columbia, MD