



**Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (MDVOAD)  
Quarterly Meeting  
Friday, 12 September 2008**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

This quarterly meeting of MDVOAD was held at the Baltimore/Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church located in Columbia, Maryland.

**INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**, Kevin Burr – Welcome and thank you for coming. Introductions.

**MEMA UPDATE**, Eddie Hopkins – Kevin provided a brief MDVOAD 101 presentation. Eddie Hopkins, Chief of Staff MEMA. Looking at modifying the SEOC to have ESFs closer together. Maryland has just recently become the 26<sup>th</sup> state to sign on to Aid Matrix. Let Stacey know if you are interested in becoming an administrator for Aid Matrix ([sbolyard@mema.state.md.us](mailto:sbolyard@mema.state.md.us)). Stacey will pass along AidMatrix implementation progress to MDVOAD (through MDVOAD secretary). Some recommend a steering committee/core group that can help AidMatrix get going in MD. Check out AidMatrix link from NVOAD website to the involved states and see how theirs is set up.

**NVOAD UPDATE**, Deb Alich – Introduction of Deb Alich, Member Services Manager. Deb will serve as NVOAD's liaison to MDVOAD (and other state/regional VOADs). Deb encourages everyone to keep up our communication with each other. Quarterly NVOAD internal update reports are sent via email, many of our MDVOAD partners are not receiving them, plus, a national situation report is included. Maybe a private side to the NVOAD website ([www.nvoad.org](http://www.nvoad.org)) would be a good way to push out FOUO messages and reports.

Next NVOAD Conference: May 18<sup>th</sup> –21<sup>st</sup> 2009 in Salt Lake City. Hope to add better balance including adding some tracks that are specifically tailored to state VOADs.

Challenges –Many counties have combined efforts to include PNP into Citizens Corps Councils. MDVOAD needs help in finding quality officers and help with the LTR Subcommittee. The recent involvement of the area volunteer centers has been a big help in growing MDVOAD.

**BUDGET REPORT**, Scott Knox – MDVOAD fund balance = \$12,493.93. All bills are paid, except for small items. Please get your 2008 membership form in to Scott if you haven't already done so, the form is available on the MDVOAD website, under membership ([www.mdvoad.org](http://www.mdvoad.org)).

**WEBSITE UPDATE**, Steve Welzant – No major updates, forward any suggestions for website improvements to Steve ([swelzant@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:swelzant@baltimorecountymd.gov)). As always, make sure your organization's info in the 2008 MDVOAD Resource Directory (linked to the MDVOAD website) is correct. 2009 MDVOAD Resource Directory is already under development. Look at your capabilities and resources and make sure they are correct...for the 2009 MDVOAD Resource Directory.

**NATIONAL LISTENING SESSION** – Conference call with updates from FEMA/DHS on Hurricane Ike.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS** – Nomination Subcommittee – Ollie and Steve, for now. Contact them if you would like to help identify MDVOAD officers for CY 2009.

**MDVOAD ANNUAL MEETING:**

**Actual Date, Time, and Location TBA in a few weeks!! (Likely will be a Friday in Mid-December)**

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