



**Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (MDVOAD)
Annual Meeting
Tuesday, 9 December 2008**

MEETING MINUTES

This annual meeting of MDVOAD was held at the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis, Maryland.

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

PRESENTATION: BGE Restoration Operations and Support – Frank L. Tiburzi Jr.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW FEMA VOLUNTARY AGENCY LIAISON, Anthony Buller – Priorities will include helping bridge the information gap between NGOs and governments, getting to know the players, FEMA privacy act policies, and identifying VOAD goals in the region.

GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (GEMAC)/STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION – It was suggested that MDVOAD provide representation on the GEMAC/SERC. All those present voted yes to allow the MDVOAD Vice-Chair to be the designated representative. The Vice-Chair may appoint another MDVOAD Executive Committee member to attend in his/her place if the Vice-Chair is unable to attend.

BUDGET REPORT, Scott Knox – MDVOAD account balance = \$12,228.11. All bills are paid, except for small items. See attached budget summary. Membership forms for calendar year 2009 will be posted to the website soon, please renew your membership for 2009 and send in your dues to Scott if you haven't already.

WEBSITE UPDATE, Steve Welzant – For 2008, the website has experienced 7,000 hits. Please forward suggestions for website improvements to Steve (swelzant@baltimorecountymd.gov). Additionally, please make sure your organization's contact information and listed capabilities in the 2008 MDVOAD Resource Directory (linked to the MDVOAD website) are correct. Information from the 2008 Directory will be the basis for the 2009 MDVOAD Membership and Resource Directory, which will be posted soon.

REGIONAL COORDINATION, Ollie Davidson – NCR Updates: Chris Voss, formerly of DC EMA was appointed the new Emergency Manager for Montgomery County. Inaugural planning in full swing, hundreds of thousands of people are expected to flood the NCR area beginning January 15th 2009. Multi-agency planning is ongoing for the various issues this event will bring including, sheltering, pet considerations, transportation, etc.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **ESF 15** – Organized a call regarding AidMatrix and ESF 15 planning going forward. The subcommittee will continue to provide input on the implementation of AidMatrix. One suggestion was to draft a position statement from MDVOAD regarding the makeup of the AidMatrix Portal Management Team. AidMatrix implementation needs to be coordinated across the State and Region since DC and VA have signed on as well. No announcements have been made regarding hiring a new Emergency Management POC at the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV).

ELECTION OF MDVOAD OFFICERS FOR 2009 – In the absence of any nominations from the floor, the members present at the meeting voted yes on a motion to retain the current slate of officers for one more year.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Salvation Army – Joyce Michels retiring, Capt. Roy Williams will be interim replacement. X-mas campaign in full swing.

Adventist Community Services – Attended the AidMatrix online training session.

Baltimore County Volunteers/Citizens Corps – Spreading message on importance of CO detectors.

Maryland Department of Human Resources (DHR) – Involved in inaugural meetings. Maryland is in support operations right now with some contingencies for some large mega shelters, up and down the transportation corridors. Also involved with reunification system planning. Staging of supplies will be done well in advance, shelter locations, if it is decided to open them, will be determined and shared at the highest levels.

American Red Cross – (NCR): Lack of hotels is a concern for local clients (for fires). We are designating some shelters for extra space, if needed. If anyone is interested in bringing their resources in to partner with area agencies, they would love to bring you in to assist. (CMC): Planning for up to 10,000 buses and several hundred thousand people. The potential exists to have an emergency event that requires a massive response.

The Humane Society of the United States – Planning for animal sheltering for inaugural event, looking to improve coordination.

The Volunteer Center Serving Howard County – NVOAD Volunteer Management Committee (Mickey is chair), please bring your VM issues to Mickey and Ollie, great outlet for ideas and coordination (recruitment, retention, trends, new technologies, etc.) Area volunteer centers are very active in disaster planning/preparedness. www.marylandvolunteercenters.org.

Mercy Medical Airlift – Steve Craven provided a basic description of what MMA does and wanted those present to please keep them in mind for assistance and support. A link to their website is on the membership page of www.mdvoad.org.

MDSART – Would like to have an ARC person on their board of directors.

Tzu Chi – Recent grand opening of new facility in Reston, VA

Maryland Food Bank – Distribution activities are up 25% recently, a lot of extra space in the warehouse. 60% of their inventory is part of the purchase food program. Ravens/Eagles game food drive brought in a lot. Virtual food drive has been a great success. The City has committed \$250,000 for food to be distributed in the City, hopefully the commitment is still there. America's Second Harvest has become Feeding America. A suggestion was put forth from the floor to authorize a donation of funds from MDVOAD to the MFB in the amount of \$1,000. This suggestion was subsequently approved in a vote (attached budget summary does not reflect this donation to the MFB).

NEXT MDVOAD QUARTERLY MEETING:

MARCH 13, 2009, 10 AM to 2 PM

American Red Cross – Central Maryland Chapter
4800 Mount Hope Drive
Baltimore, MD 21215

MD VOAD

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW – 2008 (as of 12/9/08)

Fund Balance (Jan. 1, 2008): \$ 13,753.93

Revenue	Expenses
Membership Dues: \$ 1,650.00	National VOAD Conference: \$ 2,250.19 (2 MD VOAD reps)
Total Revenue: \$ 1,650.00	P.O. Box Fees: \$ 240.00
	Meeting Expenses: \$ 615.63 (Meals, printing, misc.)
	NVOAD Dues: \$70.00
	Total Expenses: \$ 3,175.82

Net Expenses to Date (Revenue-Expenses): \$ 1,525.82

Fund Balance (as of Dec. 9, 2008): \$ 12,228.11