VOAD, Faith–Based Coordinator: Resource Guide

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AL

Compassion Coalition

Info/Hotline · Open

1035 29th Street, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

Phone 205–349–2797
Service Temporary

Through the Compassion Coalition of Tuscaloosa County, Baptists and other faith–based organizations have joined together to work with Tuscaloosa County Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and the Tuscaloosa County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to meet needs countywide immediately after disasters.

The coalition provides volunteers in churches and faith–based organizations that have teams and resources available. “We’re the connection point and are trying to keep a survey of all those people who can offer (resources),” said William Scroggins, Compassion Coalition chairman and director of the Tuscaloosa Prayer Network.

The idea for the coalition arose from natural disasters that have affected the Tuscaloosa County area in recent years. Churches that join are able to offer their services in the areas of food, clothing and shelter, among others. Because the coalition is a member of VOAD, member churches also become members of VOAD.

Contact person: Nancy Green

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ARTICLE:
http://www.tuscaloosanews.com/article/20110604/news/110609871?p=1&tc=pg

http://ccalabama.org/index.html

Services offered: Management, Volunteer Coordination Services
Campaigns: 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; VOAD, Faith–Based Coordinator

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GA

GAVOAD (Georgia VOAD, Georgia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster)

Info/Hotline · Open

VOAD (State Level)

2050 Chamblee Tucker Road, Chamblee, GA 30341

Contact Bob Tribble / Mike Yoder
Email gavoad@yahoo.com
Web www.gavoad.us/contact.htm
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July/August Updates on tornado recovery, LTRC contacts:
http://www.ngumc.org/news/detail/971

LTRCs operating in: Catoosa, Dade, Floyd, Lamar, Meriwether, Monroe, Spalding Counties

old website pre2010: http://www.geocities.com/gavoad/

9/30/09 Flood Response:

Next Meeting Date/Location (October 2, 2009) - Today (9/30) was our last daily conference call for this disaster. We are planning to have a face–to–face meeting hosted by FEMA at the JFO on Friday, October 2. The meeting time will be 1 pm. The JFO is located at 4360 NE Expressway, Atlanta GA 30340. It is located on the Westside of I–85 between Pleasantdale and Northcrest. (near spaghetti junction). NE Expressway is a one–way going south so you must access it from the Pleasantdale exit. There is a QT gas station at that intersection.

If you have information to go up on the GAVOAD website contact Ed Nance at 770–316–8692. We also have a page up on the CAN website for this particular disaster.

9/23: Georgia Flood Response:

Still looking for volunteers to man staff VOAD desk at SOC - see Bob if you can assist. Currently looking for 1–2 shifts for 7 am - 7 pm operational period.

From their website:

GAVOAD: Partnership Before, During, and After Disaster

How GAVOAD Serves Its Membership:

History:

Georgia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (GAVOAD) is a coalition of voluntary organizations that have a mission before, during, and after disasters that occur in Georgia.
After Hurricane Camille in 1969, many national voluntary organizations shared their mutual concern about the lack of coordination between their agencies. Representatives of the voluntary organizations began meeting regularly to share their respective activities, concerns, and frustrations. Their goal was, and still is, to jointly minimize duplication of effort and more efficiently manage activities during disasters. GAVOAD was formed to expand this movement of interagency cooperation, coordination, communication, and collaboration to Georgia.
Today, GAVOAD is the primary forum used by the voluntary organizations in Georgia to coordinate activities with each other.

Organization:

GAVOAD voting members are organizations with a statewide disaster response and/or relief and recovery mission.

GAVOAD recognizes local VOAD's as nonvoting members to provide local voluntary organizations an opportunity to work together.

GAVOAD also accepts government and corporate entities as nonvoting partners.

GAVOAD is a non–profit 501 (c) (3) corporation governed by a Board of Directors.

GAVOAD meets quarterly.

GAVOAD is NOT a service delivery organization.
GAVOAD supports its members independent relief and recovery services by providing a forum for voluntary organizations active in disaster to practice the four C's:

• Cooperation – encouraging working together and information exchange
• Coordination – fostering understanding and providing a liaison with public offices
• Communication – providing information to members and the general public through audio–visual, print and electronic means including newsletters, PowerPoint programs, brochures, electronic discussion lists, and websites
• Collaboration – encouraging members to work in partnership with each other and with other associations through joint seminars, board meetings, conferences, training programs, and meetings before, during, and after disasters

GAVOAD provides its members with a strong liaison and a common voice with state emergency management, including a seat in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

• GAVOAD Conference Calls – provide an opportunity for all GAVOAD and local VOAD agencies and partners involved in a particular incident to talk with each other and coordinate their work.
• Joint Training – combines the resources and efforts of GAVOAD members and partners to provide multiple opportunities to train together through conferences and exercises. Joint agency volunteer training brings in state and national experts to speak on issues of joint concern including communications, case management, response and recovery skills, and many other subjects.
• Joint Information Efforts – put GAVOAD members in front of emergency managers and other public officials on a regular basis throughout the year with forums, booths, and other efforts to jointly inform emergency managers and the public about the capabilities of all the state and local VOAD partner organizations.
• Annual NVOAD Conference – GAVOAD annually provides scholarships to send member and VOAD leaders to the annual National VOAD Conference to network and learn from other state and national VOAD leaders.

Publications and Resources

GAVOAD, in partnership with NVOAD produces resources for state and local members that are available in print or are downloadable from the NVOAD website.

• VOAD Pamphlets and PowerPoint – help state and local VOAD members explain the VOAD concept to government, response and recovery agency leaders, potential new members and partners and the public in general. Through NVOAD, GAVOAD provides templates for these resources that allow local VOADs to "personalize" the program for their specific area with a professional look that is consistent in design with both the NVOAD and GAVOAD programs
• Design for Success – an NVOAD leadership tool that details the goals any VOAD should strive for and methods for achieving those goals
• Long–Term Recovery Manual – an NVOAD tool to assist state and local VOAD leaders with preparing for cooperative long–term recovery work
• Volunteer Management Manual – an NVOAD tool to assist state and local VOAD leaders with preparing for the cooperative management of both affiliated and unaffiliated volunteers.

Important Information
2005 GA VOAD Executive Committee/Board Members

President: Bob Tribble (trib713@juno.com)
Vice President: Jim Ewings (jewings@worldvision.org)
Secretary: Sandra Stone (hs_volmacon@bellsouth.net) [TF: it's my understanding, from the last set of minutes (December 08) that a new Secretary is Giovanni Taylor–Peace...we wish our best to Sandra and Giovanni!]
Treasurer: Ken McKenzie (kmckenziewpc@comcast.net)
Past President: Carolyn Danese (carolyn.danese@turner.com)
GA VOAD Meetings:
Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each quarter.

Membership Dues:
Membership Dues are $50.00 annually, and are due on the anniversary date that your agency/organization joined VOAD.

Membership Information:
To become a member or to partner with GAVOAD, start a local or regional VOAD, or get additional information, contact:

GAVOAD Board of Directors
2050 Chamblee Tucker Road
Chamblee, GA 30341

Bob Tribble
Sandra Stone

Information Changes:
For changes in your agency/organizations contact or other information, please contact a member of the executive committee.
Or write gavoad@yahoo.com

Manual Update:
The Executive committee is responsible for updating the GAVOAD manual annually.

Services offered: Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports
Campaigns: 2009 Georgia Storms; 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security, National Shelter System (NSS); VOAD, Faith–Based Coordinator; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), Associate Member/Informal Affiliation; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a Chapter Level Member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Aug 9, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4124

MA

NECHAMA disaster support in Massachusetts (blizzard response, etc)

Info/Hotline · Open

Scituate, MA

Web www.nechama.org/index.php/news/210–2015–blizzard–response–massachusetts
Service Temporary

2015 Blizzard Response: Massachusetts

"Working in collaboration with the Scituate Senior Center, Scituate Alliance of Natural Disaster Services (SANDS), among others, NECHAMA assisted older adults with snow removal needs amidst crippling snowfall.

Southeastern Massachusetts suffered a relentless winter with approximately 100 inches of snowfall in 30 days. Throughout January and February one blizzard after the next dumped several feet of snow on the area, leaving many of Scituate's most vulnerable citizens in disastrous situations.

Dozens of homeowners within the coastal community of Scituate, MA were overwhelmed by the successive storms and were physically trapped inside their homes by as much as 5 ft of snow. Additionally, heating oil fuel tanks were running closer and closer to empty and roofs were now holding several feet of snow, growing ice dams and in some cases, on the brink of collapse. Upon learning about the situation facing many older adults NECHAMA sprung into action to assist. We provided hands–on help to 45 households in 10 days. The value of our services provide is estimated to be $50,000.

On March 3, 2015, NECHAMA was recognized at a Scituate Board of Selectmen Meeting for our Blizzard Response.
A Response Takes Shape

During outreach to Massachusetts Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (MA VOAD) and while gathering information on the local effects of the snowstorms, NECHAMA was made aware of an unusually high number of elderly and disabled persons in Scituate, Massachusetts that were struggling as a result of snowfall. We linked up with the Town of Scituate and their Council on Aging Senior Center and The Scituate Alliance of Natural Disaster Services (SANDs). The town's social service apparatus was organized and allowed us to take immediate action. NECHAMA mobilized a blizzard response team, a first of its kind for the

organization, and had snow shovels on Massachusetts soil within 24 hours of deploying from HQ in Minneapolis.A Feverish Cold Weather Effort

Over the course of the next several weeks, NECHAMA worked sunrise to sunset to dig out Scituate residents. We met people who had been trapped in their homes for as long as 15 days! Our shoveling allowed them to leave and go grocery shopping or make doctor's appointments for the first time in weeks as well as providing the ability to safely reside in their homes with egress routes clear again.

Once these immediate egresses had been cleared, dozens of paths were dug through the snow for oil refueling trucks to be able to deliver desperately needed heating fuel. Many residents we assisted were on the verge of being without heat. Our response team was able to get there in time and avert freezing pipes and further disaster. Linda Hayes, the Director of the Scituate Council on Aging remarked, "....NECHAMA has been an inspiration and a tremendous bright spot for all of us in Scituate. Lucky us to have found you!"

Services offered: Services, Seniors, Snow Shoveling
Campaigns: 2015 January Northeast Blizzard; NECHAMA (Jewish Response To Disaster); VOAD, Faith–Based Coordinator; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a Chapter Level Member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Mar 5, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9931

TX

Samaritan's Purse, Hurricane Harvey Volunteer Coordination

Volunteer Camp · Open

TX

Web spvolunteernetwork.samaritanspurse.org/hurricane–harvey–reponse
Service Temporary
Campaigns: 2017 Hurricane Harvey; Samaritan's Purse; VOAD, Faith–Based Coordinator; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member)
Updated Aug 29, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10035

Other locations

NVOAD member locator (Find a state level VOAD)

Info/Hotline · Open

VOAD (State Level)

Web www.nvoad.org/index.php/member/statevoad.html
Service Temporary

Services offered: Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: VOAD, Faith–Based Coordinator; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), Associate Member/Informal Affiliation; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is not a member, but is "affiliated"); VOAD (this org is not a member, but is "affiliated"); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
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