All Hands Volunteers: Resource Guide

Ongoing

Generated November 22, 2026 · 5 open facilities · closed facilities are not listed · call before you go: details change quickly

KY

VRC (Volunteer Reception Center), West Liberty, KY (Supported by: All Hands Volunteers) 3/12 Tornadoes

Info/Hotline · Open

West Liberty, KY

Service Temporary

MSU/Americorps Update 3/9/12

West Liberty Volunteer Reception Center is up and running!! (606)783–8756. Call in to help volunteer or if you are looking for assistance.

FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/pages/MSUCorpsAmericorps/72219597618?sk=wall

ALL HANDS UPDATE 3/9/12 – KY TORNADOES:

All Hands Volunteers announces that we will be in West Liberty Kentucky at the request of the West Liberty Volunteer Reception Center (VRC). We will be supporting their efforts to stand up a comprehensive point of coordination that will encompass workflow and volunteer coordination. Preliminary damage estimates for Morgan County, Kentucky where West Liberty sits puts the number of destroyed homes at roughly 300 with an additional 400+ homes sustaining moderate to severe damage.
All Hands is known for our ability to adapt to the needs of a community in need, whether that's mucking out a mud filled basement, building a school or hosting a safe space where children can come play and be kids…we recognize and respect that not every situation lends itself to our traditional Volunteer driven model. The current need in West Liberty is for our technical expertise in supporting a local coordinative focal point that will enable a smooth and collaborative response from state and national partners.
Our role in the immediate response phase will be to support the coordinative function that will address the matching of local volunteers with homeowner needs for debris removal on and around their property and other needs as they arise. We currently have 2 people on the ground supporting coordinative functions with more on the way.
As it stands, the local response and the response from State and National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) agencies does not warrant All Hands opening volunteer opportunities up at this time; however, as the situation evolves we will be looking for ways to engage you, our volunteers in the response. Stay tuned to hands.org and twitter for updates and potential Volunteer opportunities or go to www.hands.org/donate to support our ongoing response efforts.
Thank you for your support and interest as we help West Liberty on their road to recovery.

http://hands.org/2012/03/09/usa–kentucky–tornado–response–update/
FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/pages/All–Hands–Volunteers/120494628004036

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Disaster Recovery Services Hotline for Survivors; Hotline, Volunteer Hotline (Coordination/Placement/Work Orders); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Reception Center, VRC; Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2012 Spring – Tornadoes; All Hands Volunteers

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MA

All Hands Volunteers (HQ)

Info/Hotline · Open

HQ:; PO Box 546, Carlisle, MA 01741

Web hands.org
Service Temporary

10/27/12– After sweeping across the Caribbean, causing at least 40 deaths in Cuba and Haiti, Hurricane Sandy is on a path toward the U.S. eastern coast. Currently projected to make landfall near Delaware early Tuesday, its 75–mph winds are already threatening the coast of North Carolina.
Because it is expected to collide with two winter weather systems as it progresses inland, meteorologists are predicting that it will bring torrential rain, high winds and up to two feet of snow. After landfall, it could advance throughout New England and the mid–Atlantic states.

Though it is impossible to be sure what will happen next, those who live on the Eastern seaboard should prepare for days without electricity. Extra food and water, plus emergency radios and spare batteries, should be on hand.
All Hands Volunteers is continuously monitoring this storm system and is engaged in conversations with emergency preparedness partner agencies throughout the Eastern coastal states.
Please check here for updates as we continue to investigate the full scope of the storm and plan our course of action.

Services offered: Cleanup, Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, House Gutting, Volunteer Services; Management, Support, Disaster Response Coordination & Guidance; Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2012 Hurricane Isaac; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; All Hands Volunteers; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member)
Updated Oct 27, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8873

VOAD, Massachusetts

Info/Hotline · Open

VOAD (State Level)
Various, MA

Phone 617 274–5282
Contact Keith Stefanelli
Email stefanellik@usa.redcross.org
Web massvoad.org/news/?page_id=55
Service Temporary

http://massvoad.org

FROM THE SITE:

Massachusetts Tornado Help – Call 211
Posted on June 2, 2011 by admin

Thank you to all who have contacted Massachusetts VOAD to help victims of yesterday's tornadoes with donations and services. Coordination of all help and donations is now running the United Way's 211 service so please call 211
You may also donate to Mass. VOAD member organizations if you wish. They are linked under "organizations" on this web site.
Sincerely,
Chris Farrand (Chair), Luis Matnog (Vice–Chair), Kevin Hall (Secretary)

Below is an update (June 2, 2011) on the Massachusetts Tornado situation from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

Massachusetts Tornadoes, Wednesday, June 1, 2011

At around 4:30 EDT on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 a line of severe weather crossed from western part Massachusetts heading east. Damaging tornadoes passed through the Springfield area. A second tornado is reported to have later struck the same region. It was reported that hundreds of homes were damaged and thousands of trees were down.

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick declared a state of emergency effective at 7:10PM on June 1. Nineteen (19) communities are reported affected including the towns of: Westfield, Springfield, West Springfield, Monson, Agawam, Charlton, Oxford, Palmer, Sturbridge, and Wilbraham, among others. The Governor has directed that all non–emergency Executive Branch employees living or working in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester Counties should not report to their workplaces Thursday, June 2. In addition, 23 schools were closed and 21 businesses in the affected communities on Thursday.

The National Guard has called up approximately 1,000 troops to assist in rescue and response efforts. Troops are being dispersed from three locations, one in Springfield, one in Ware, and one in Worcester.

At least four people have died as a result of the tornado. One person was killed in West Springfield when his car overturned, two in Westfield, and one in Brimfield. Details of those 3 fatalities have not yet been released.

Jane Albert of Baystate Medical Center told 22News that the hospital is caring for 25 people who are injured, 10 of whom are in the trauma unit. There are at least 20 other reports of injuries.

In Springfield, Mayor Domenic Sarno said that the South End, East Forest Park, and Sixteen Acres were the sections of the city that were hit the hardest. The Indian Orchard neighborhood also saw damage.

There was a total of more than 60,000 power outages in communities serviced by Western Massachusetts Electric Company. As of 8:49am Thursday, June 2, about 14,000 are still without power. Sandra Ahern from Western Massachusetts Electric Company reports that there are more than 80 utility poles down in the Sixteen Acres and East Forest Park neighborhoods, where she said that they do not anticipate power will be restored for a couple of days.

Voluntary Agency Efforts

Local volunteers are currently supporting relief efforts in Springfield and communities throughout the jurisdiction with sheltering, canteen and mental health counseling.

The American Red Cross reports 5 open shelters as of Thursday morning, with populations in each. Of the 5 shelters reported open, the Red Cross is managing 2 in Springfield, and 1 in Monson. In addition there are 2 Red Cross–supported shelters in collaboration with local emergency officials, and 1 community shelter that the Red Cross is looking to assist with. The Mass Mutual Center in Springfield reported approximately 400 people being sheltered at its height late Wednesday night, with approximately 200 people remaining this morning. There are approximately 45 people at the West Springfield location and 35 in Monson. Pet sheltering has not been set up at any of the shelters as of Thursday morning.

The Red Cross is supporting feeding efforts at the open shelters, in addition to feeding approximately 300 first responders at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, in collaboration with the Salvation Army, and approximately 150 first responders in Monson. The Red Cross is not engaged in mobile feeding at this time.

The Salvation Army has set up a canteen service at the Command Post in Westfield to support first responders, and a canteen is also stationed in Brimfield. Canteen drop offs are occurring in Monson. The Salvation Army is also supporting canteen efforts at the Basketball Hall of Fame in collaboration with the Red Cross. The Salvation Army is beginning mobile canteen services, driving around affected communities, and providing psychological first aid as of 10am Thursday morning. 11 volunteers are currently engaged in Salvation Army activities, with approximately 5 additional volunteers working in the kitchens to prepare meals. 2 facilities in Springfield are on standby as possible temporary shelters if needed.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (WWLP) – In the aftermath of Wednesday's tornado damage , several major Western Massachusetts roads are closed for the Thursday morning commute. Here is a list of some major roadways that are closed.

SPRINGFIELD:

· Avoid downtown in general, South End; the less cars on the street the better for emergency crews working to assess threats (power lines, gas leaks) and remove obstructions (tree, debris)

Major closures:

· Plumtree Road from Allen Street onwards– impassible

· Main Street from State Street and southward

· Tinkham Road

· Parker Street from Wilbraham Road to Cooley Street

· Island Pond Road from Allen Street to Roosevelt Ave

WEST SPRINGFIELD:

· Union and Main run parallel– this is where the main impact occurred; basically the path of the tornado itself– this area is called the Merrick section of W. Spfld

· From Park and Union to Park and Main

· Union St. from Memorial Ave. to Park St.

· Main and Memorial

· All closed to all except emergency vehicles

· Police are essentially sealing off that entire area

· All obstructions are contained within that grid

WESTFIELD:

· Shaker Road– closed from Little River Road to Cardinal Lane

· Shaker Road closed at Canal Drive when coming in from Tannery Road/Ponders Hollow

· Entire section of Pontoosic Road from Feeding Hills Road to Crescent Circle (nearly the entire run of this road in the city)

WILBRAHAM:

· Tinkham Road is closed from Stony Hill Road to Bolles Road

· Monson Road is blocked–off from Main Street to Ridge Road

· Main Street and Stony Hill Road are open, but you are asked to use extreme caution

MONSON:

· Just avoid the entire downtown area of Monson

· There was significant damage to police building

BRIMFIELD

· Route 20 closed through the entire length of town

· Route 19 closed for the entire length of town

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); All Hands Volunteers; American Red Cross; Feeding America; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Salvation Army; United Way; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Aug 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6301

MS

All Hands Volunteers (VOLUNTEER OPS) – 2012 HURRICANE ISAAC

Volunteer Camp · Open

Non–Profit, Disaster Recovery
HW:; PO Box 546, Carlisle, MA 01741, USA, Gulfport, MS
Web hands.org/2012/09/04/launching–project–isaac
Service Temporary

From the site LTel 9/9/12:

9/7/12 – For the past several days, our team has been hard at work on the ground in Gulfport, MS, continuing assessments and doing field work to repair damage to homes in the area. It has been HOT! That's an improvement, though, over the torrential rains and flooding that accompanied Hurricane Isaac. With the help of local volunteers and our partner NECHAMA, we are making good progress toward helping residents restore their homes and lives.

During this rapid response phase, All Hands is making use of volunteers provided through local resources. We will post any request for additional volunteers if the need arises.

FEMA BLOG – 9/17/12:
http://www.fema.gov/blog/2012–09–17/volunteer–highlight–helping–rebuild–after–hurricane–isaac

Services offered: Construction, Home Repair, Volunteer Services; Tarping Homes, Volunteer Services; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2012 Hurricane Isaac; All Hands Volunteers; NECHAMA (Jewish Response To Disaster); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Sep 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9339

NY

VOAD, New York State (STATE LEVEL)

Info/Hotline · Open

VOAD
NY
Web www.nyvoad.org
Serves New York
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2011 Huricane Irene –
http://www.nyvoad.org/disaster_updates

old notes:
From the NYVOAD Member Directory:

Activation of NYSVOAD

NYSVOAD recognizes the independence of each of its member organizations and does not dictate agency response. However, NYSVOAD endeavors to serve as a catalyst of cooperation and communication between each of its members.

In the event of a disaster, any member agency may request initiation of NYSVOAD response coordination. Response coordination may be accomplished through conference calls, local meetings, or electronic communications.

It is important to maintain the regularly scheduled NYSVOAD communications (i.e. monthly conference calls, executive meetings) during the disaster timeframe.
Activation of any one member organization may be done directly by that organization or may be requested through the leadership of the NYSVOAD.

Activation through NYSVOAD will ensure that all member organizations are informed of the situation. Once activated, NYSVOAD will encourage a cooperative and coordinated voluntary response.

Disaster Coordination Plan

The purpose of the NYSVOAD is to bring together organizations active in disaster services to foster more effective preparedness, response and disaster recovery in New York State. Direct service to impacted communities is provided by the member agencies of the NYSVOAD, not by the NYSVOAD itself. NYSVOAD is a coordinating agency whose goal is to enhance planning, training and communications between organizations active in disaster mitigation, response and recovery. With this in mind, NYSVOAD shall support the response to level 3 & 4 disasters, as appropriate, in the following manner:

I. NYSVOAD Officer (or designee) will report to the State Emergency Operations Center and become the liaison for all VOAD members not then represented in the EOC, and will call and facilitate a NYSVOAD meeting or conference call as soon as practical and needed to do so.

II. NYSVOAD EOC Liaison will meet with the State Donation Coordination Manager (or designee), the State Director of Human Services and FEMA VAL (Voluntary Agency Liaison), and will convene meetings or conference calls with VOAD member agencies to identify and assist with immediate needs, and coordinate with member agencies on their planned responses.

III. NYSVOAD Officer (or designee) will provide updated reports of voluntary agency activities to the New York State Office of Emergency Management (State OEM) at regular intervals or when necessitated by changes in service or location, and will provide member agencies with information regarding the state response. The Liaison will also communicate any issues or concerns that member agencies are reporting in the field to the state.

IV. NYSVOAD Executive Committee will facilitate the development of Long Term Recovery Committee(s) as appropriate, in coordination with the State OEM Director of Human Services and the FEMA VAL.

V. At the close of an operation, NYSVOAD Chairperson or Vice–Chair will request a consolidated report from each voluntary organization assisting in disaster response. This report is to include recommendations that will enable NYSVOAD to encourage and implement corrective actions that will enhance future response and recovery operations. Reports will be brought as an agenda item at the next NYSVOAD meeting following the disaster.

NYSVOAD shall support the response to disasters of a level two or less, as appropriate, in the following manner:

I. NYSVOAD Officer (or Designee) will convene a conference call with member agencies and government partners to evaluate the nature and extent of damages. Under special circumstances the VOAD Liaison may be requested to support EOC operations.

II. NYSVOAD Member agencies will support local response agencies as appropriate.

III. NYSVOAD Executive Committee will facilitate the development of Long Term Recovery Committee(s) as appropriate, in coordination with the State OEM Director of Human Services.

IV. At the close of an operation, NYSVOAD Chairperson or Vice–Chair will request a consolidated report from each voluntary organization assisting in disaster response. This report is to include recommendations that will enable NYSVOAD to encourage and implement corrective actions that will enhance future response and recovery operations. Reports will be brought as an agenda item at the next NYSVOAD meeting following the disaster.

NOTE: The primary goal of the NYSVOAD and its member organizations is to work in partnership and support of local VOAD's, disaster response networks, local human services councils and other response organizations, and when required act as a conduit to national resources. It is not the role of the NYSVOAD nor its member organizations to replace local networks or their services.

Susamma Seeley – Chair
Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens

Seth Golbey – Vice Chair
American Red Cross of Greater New York

Susan Craine – Secretary
New York Cares

Tim Pitoniak – Treasurer
American Red Cross of Greater New York

Services offered: Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training Classes, Disaster * (Any & All Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; All Hands Volunteers; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; CWS ~ Church World Service; Feeding America; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Humane Society of the United States, The; Lutheran Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service;

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Salvation Army; Save The Children; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief; United Methodist Church; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services

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