



IL VOAD Conference Call minutes

June 12, 2019 @ 1:30PM

Next Conference Call –

June 19, 2019. Time 1:30pm. Dial in number 800.320.4330 Pin Code 514399

Chair Charlotte Hazel opened the meeting at 1:31 pm. Request made to please send questions or requests to voadillinois@gmail.com. To also look for updates on our website at ilvoad@communityos.org.

Emergency Management Reports

Emergency management reports are intended to provide IL VOAD partners awareness of what is going on in the affected areas. If a partner can provide a resource for something requested by the emergency manager, please contact them directly or email ILVOAD for assistance.

Alicia Tate-Nadeau, Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, thanked all who joined the call and gave an overview of the current flooding situation. She also thanked all voluntary agencies for their current assistance and acknowledged the important role that the VOAD plays in helping in the flooding.

Charlotte Hazel asked all local emergency managers to report out on their current situation and unmet needs that voluntary agencies could assist with.

Whiteside County: Cory Law, office (815) 626-2230 or cell 815-590-3300. Cory reported that there was around 130 homes that have had some form of damage assessment conducted, and that there are around 20 homes in particular in the Fulton area that have ongoing groundwater flooding into basements of those that are older or challenged to clean up for themselves. He is looking for support for them in terms of drywall removal, carpet tear outs, and mold remediation.

Schuyler County: Mike reported that he has one home that he is concerned about but no damage assessment yet. He did mention that he has a retaining wall issue also that has to do with flash flooding but Ms. Tate-Nadeau said that she would handle that through SEOC.

Rock Island County: Jerry Shirk 309-799-5166. Jerry mentioned that the bulk of his damage was around Rock and Mississippi Rivers. They are cleaning out some areas 2 to 3 times due to the water rising and receding multiple times. In many areas, the community has come together to assist. However, there is

an area flooded with 250 homes on Campbell's Island that will like need help. Southern Baptists are coming in to assess to see what they can help with on Thursday/Friday. American Red Cross has been handing out clean up kits.

It was mentioned that the Calhoun, Jersey, and Greene areas are still inundated with water and will be for a length of time before recovery can begin. Red Cross is doing mobile feeding and St Louis Foodbank has currently been supporting with food donations. There are no other needs in this community at this time.

Partner Updates

Partner updates are intended to provide an update to all where they are working in this flooding. However, those interested in contacting partners to work in their area should do so.

Salvation Army: Salvation Army has been reaching out to local emergency managers. They have been providing individuals with sheltering vouchers for hotels. They also recently partnered with the American Red Cross to open a shelter in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the Zion United Methodist Church. This shelter is intended to serve the residents across the river in East Cape Girardeau, Illinois and surrounding areas as well. They also have some clean up kits on hand. Benny Benedict reported that they have 5 pallets of Mold-X located in Nebraska but can get them to Southern Missouri/Southern Illinois if anyone needs them.

St. Louis Area Foodbank: They delivered 20,000 pounds of food in the Hardin (Calhoun County) area last Saturday, June 8.

Central Illinois Foodbank: They served Pittsfield last week and plans to go to Quincy to the Horizon Social Services Center on Saturday, June 22 at 10am.

Southern Baptists/IL State Baptist Association: Butch Porter 618-499-2215 butchporteril25@gmail.com. Based on what they learned from being in the Multi Agency Resource Center (MARC) three weeks ago, they will be working in the Rock Island County area. Crews from Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin will be coming in to help. They know that there has been more damage since that time. They plan to work in the Pittsfield area to head down towards Calhoun once the water goes down. They have flood buckets available for those groups that need them located in Central Illinois. Contact Butch if you wish to obtain some. They have 200 on hand but can get more if needed. They have feeding crews on standby to help American Red Cross. They will need 1 ½ day to 2 days' notice to ramp up the feeding operation.

American Red Cross-St Louis: Steve Nielson assigned to the Missouri chapter which serves Calhoun and several Southern Illinois County's, noted that there are 4 persons in the shelter in Jerseyville, in addition to a standby shelter in East Cape Girardeau. Steve also mention that conversations were being had on a rolling multi-agency resource center and would keep VOAD advised if this should become a reality.

Scott Clarke whose assigned to the Red Cross at Quad Cities area mentioned that they currently have a shelter on standby in Pittsfield. In the Quad Cities area, they are assigning case workers as part of the damage assessment process and mental health professionals. They will also provide direct financial assistance such as debit cards and clean up kits. Scott mentioned that in the quad cities proper, there are resources for private sector fundraising for recovery but not necessarily in the smaller counties.

Crisis Cleanup: Aaron Titus 202.6692969 aaron@crisiscleanup.org discussed this resource that allows tracking of clean up requests and a hotline to send homeowners too. A decision needs to be made as to whether or not to open an incident in Illinois. There are incidents opened in Nebraska, Ohio, Arkansas, and Oklahoma but not Missouri. Butch from Southern Baptists indicated interest due to his coordination with the Lutherans and Mennonites already. Aaron will be sending a one pager to IL VOAD for distribution for partners to learn more about how this can help their respective areas.

United Methodists Great Rivers: Sarah Brown mentioned that key churches from I-80 south to Metropolis are working to organize how they will do relief. Also, the Midwest Distribution Center has flood buckets and personal dignity kits.

St. Vincent de Paul: Plans to help where needed.

American Baptist Men: **UPDATE**- Terry Maurizio 217.853.0651 gooutinjoy@hotmail.com has been in contact with Dennis Felix of Southern Baptist about working in Calhoun County in the future. They plan to work with him and his teams in the recovery effort in Calhoun County when the time arrives. I have housing and food source identified in Jerseyville (Bethel Baptist Church) for our team members who will need overnight accommodations

IDPH/Medical Reserve Corps: Dawn Davis reported that local MRC units can help where volunteers are needed if requested.

Not on call specifically mentioned: Team Rubicon and the Mennonites. **UPDATE**- Mennonites have been in contact with Illinois Baptist and are standing by to collaborate with them. Also intend to focus on rebuilding when that time comes.

Any partner that has potential financial assistance to provide should contact IL VOAD at voadillinois@gmail.com

People who wish to spontaneously volunteer that contact your groups can be referred to the state's Voluntary Agency Liaison Michelle Hanneken at michelle.j.hanneken@illinois.gov. Michelle is looking to see where volunteers are being used locally and the needs/use of volunteers change each day.

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