

VOAD MEETING 5/8/2007

“Disaster” Dee
Kansas VOAD Chairman

For contacts of all attendees please see the copy entitled “Kansas VOAD Contact List”

Agency Recognition

- FEMA Rep. Don Foote
 - Federal Disaster Number 1699
 - Currently are taking registration for residents, it is expedited assistance.
 - DRC (Disaster Resource Center) is set to open on Wednesday at Barclay College Gymnasium
- ARC (American Red Cross)
 - Service Center will be open on Wednesday located at the student center on the Barclay Campus.
 - Offering emergency assistance they are providing food, clothing and shelter and have been since Saturday
 - Headquarters (HQ) in Pratt and are almost fully staffed.
- TSA (The Salvation Army)
 - They have 3 canteens today and will have 4 tomorrow 5/9/2007
 - Their service/distribution center is open currently in the Barclay College Gymnasium. It is a small distribution center.
- PDA(Prespetarian Disaster Assistance)
 - Arrived this morning
 - Offer pastoral care
 - There are roving teams
 - Located Iroquois Center
- St. Francis
 - Offering case workers to assist families, foster care and family preservation
- Convoy of Hope
 - Initial assessments are underway
 - Teams are on the way to help with disaster clean-up and help volunteer
 - They are stationed in a local church
 - Providing water to residents
 - They have a staging area outside of Haviland
- Episcopal Diocese
 - Feeding families
 - Clothing for families

- Offering animal care
- They know that help is needed in Bennington and in other areas.
- Good Samaritan's Purse and the Friends Church
 - They have partnered and the Good Samaritan's are staying in the Friends Church
 - Will assist in debris clearance
 - They have volunteers on the way
- Kansas Assembly of God
 - Offering Pastoral Care
 - Teams are coming to help in debris clearance and reconstruction
- Kansas All Hazards Behavioral Health Program (KAHBH)
 - Feeding at the Courthouse
 - Roving for mental health
 - Roving with the TSA and ARC canteens
- Kansas Rural Family Helpline (FOR VOAD USE ONLY)
 - They have a helpline for agricultural related issues but it is only for VOAD use, 866-327-6578.
 - Will soon supply a hotline for residents
- Case Western?
 - Working on the referral and reference list
- IRS
 - They have a tax freeze in effect for the residents in Greensburg and other zip codes may be available later
- **Donation Management Issues:**
- The KS food bank has offered to take of the donations intake plus sorting in Wichita. They will act as a supplier for the agencies and then the agencies will be able to provide donations accordingly.
- Encourage donors to donate cash directly to their favorite organization.
- **Organizations' Needs**
 - Water
 - Work gloves
 - #10 tin can foods
 - Snacks
 - Tarps (some will be provided by the Good Samaritan's Purse)
 - Sunscreen and Lip Balm/Chap stick

- **Contact Numbers**
- KS Food Bank: 316-265-FOOD (3886) or 316.209.1352 or 316.288.0459 (Bryans' Cell Phone)
- Currently ARC has 2 trucks in Pratt, KS filled with donations that can be sent to Wichita and sorted.

Volunteer Issue

- Affiliated volunteers and officials can be registered through KDOT at the entry point.
- AmeriCorps St. Louis, Bruce Bailey, may have a role in registering volunteers, agencies and city officials. By tomorrow morning there will be 2 staging areas: 1 further East of town and one West of town.
- EAST & WEST: all volunteers, officials and agencies that are working in the area regularly will receive a photo id. Information will be collected and distributed to the agencies that are coordinating efforts. **EVERYONE WORKING WILL NEED A BADGE.**
- Groups: register the volunteers and they can be matched to the tasks with an affiliated volunteer agency. They will receive a form of identification during their service.
 - Groups of Volunteers with heavy equipment should be referred to the state EOC at 785-296-3171.
- Unaffiliated volunteers must report to the United Way 211 system. They will register the volunteers, screen their skills and aid in matching the volunteers to the correct tasks. Volunteers that are interested in helping please call toll free 888-413-4327. It is open 24 hours. Also, if you need volunteers please refer to the toll free number.
- United Way is currently in the City Hall but they are relocating to the Community Center. The number for City Hall: 620.862.5897

Communication Issue:

There are media outlets for those needing to send press releases and public announcements. They include the primary paper, Hutchinson News, Wichita Eagle, any Wichita TV stations and Pratt tribune has asked for an input to publish a special edition paper. The Amateur Radio will be sending health and welfare messages to residents and residents' families they are located in the NE corner of the Barclay Campus Gymnasium.

TSA will be receiving Alltel phones later this week. Bryan Carol, Incident Commander, has more information.

Wireless internet is available in a limited area for a limited time periods. Advantage Communications is looking into finding a location for wireless services, if needed.

Resident Issues:

- Assistance requests need to be filed and the following numbers or agencies can assist in the process:
- The Salvation Army and American Red Cross encourage all residents affected by the disaster to go to their local chapter and file a needs request.
- FEMA 800-621-3362, residents may call and register for assistance.
- United Way 211 is a general community help line for volunteers and residents that have needs.
- Center for Independent Living: Is taking requests for immediate needs only on the following numbers toll free 800-736-9443 or 620-276-1900
- There are two shelters that are still operating: in Haviland(190 people) and in Mulinville (27 people)
- A disaster service will begin clean-up in farm steeds and help in debris removal beginning tomorrow 5/9/2007. The crew will start North near, Milvin? And work down South.
- Farmer's COAP and The Salvation Army are providing vouchers to residents for gas.
- Canteen roving will be available to residents.
- There is an Ambulance providing FA (First Aid) care to those in need in Greensburg and Heart-to-Heart has set-up a FA station.
- A shuttle bus is transporting residents to Greensburg every 2 hours. Residents are allowed to stay in the town for 2 hour shifts but we do not know where the pick-up is located.????

Questions:

- ★ What is a situation report?
 - The report explains where the organization/agency has been, what they have been doing, it helps tally the volunteer hours that have been served by each organization and it identifies your needs as an agency.
- ★ Where to send agency situation reports?
 - Please report via phone to 816-283-7614 or by email to americorps1@gmail.com
- ★ Where can agencies obtain county maps?
 - Please visit the county assessors' office or KDOT.

- ★ Who can be contacted at Barclay College to have a meeting room or a place to stay?
 - Glen Lebert he is located in the administration building second floor, he is the Dean of Students.

- ★ Has the Ministerial Alliance been contacted?
 - Yes, at the end of the meeting they were contacting exchanging numbers and want to organize a meeting. Please contact Krista 620-770-9736, for VOAD Use only. Marvin George is the Head of Ministerial Alliance and might be organizing a community service project this Saturday 5/12/2007

- ★ What is in demand right now?
 - Water, #10 tin cans, work gloves, sunscreen, lip balm/chap stick, bottled energy drinks, snacks and some tarps (Samaritan's Purse has some)

- ★ Who is supplying assistance right now for residents?
 - American Red Cross and The Salvation Army are providing vouchers to residents that apply.

- ★ What other counties have been declared for Individual Assistance (IA)?
 - Right now only Kiowa County has an IA declaration. Edwards and Strafford have not been declared. People in these counties can still apply for assistance through their local Salvation Army, Red Cross chapters or Adventists in Wichita.

- ★ When are we meeting next?
 - Next Tuesday 5/15/2007 at 10:00 a.m. Location will be announced.

- ★ What is the Kansas VOAD website?
 - Ksvoad.org

For further information please contact Disaster Dee, 816-898-9830 or 816-898-0266

And Bryan Carol Incident Commander 816-803-6344.

Kansas Division of Emergency Management 785-296-3171.