



Mississippi Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
*Promoting Cooperation, Communication, Coordination and Collaboration
During Disaster Preparedness, Response, Relief and Recovery*

YAZOO CITY TORNADO RELIEF CONFERENCE CALL

Monday, May 3, 2010 – 10:00 AM CST

(800) 320-4330; PIN# 897612#

Report from Mississippi VOAD President/State EOC Desk (Sandra Braasch):

- Oil Spill First on Agenda, then Tornado Relief

Federal, State, and National Support Agencies:

COAST GUARD- Phil Shaw

Oil Spill: Phil reported that he is at Coast Guard Headquarters. He has not dedicated desk space and limited access to emails.

- He is working with MS VOAD for training. Answers about training will come from the Unified Command in Louisiana. There have been questions about what is the proper training and is it being offered. Since we know what type of hazmat we are dealing with, we need to get specific training for oil.
- Getting a volunteer plan for national response team

MEMA – Allen Roark

- Allen is being deployed for oil spill
- Holmes and Union Counties have been added to the declaration.
- DRC's located in:
 - Yazoo County- at National Guard Amory
 - Choctaw County- at Weir Gym
 - Holmes County- Lexington at Multipurpose Center
Ebenezer Volunteer Fire Department (opening at noon)
 - Attala County- at National Guard Amory
 - Warren County- at Vicksburg at Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department.
- EOC is at Level 3. In the EOC are FEMA, DHS, and Red Cross.
- May deactivate EOC, but not news on that just yet.
- Damage reports are still coming in
- Monitoring situation and responding as needed.

FEMA – Jerry Hartfoot, Ken

- Jerry Hartfoot is deployed to the area
- Monitoring the weather situation
- DRCs are up and operational.
- Jerry is putting out a summary of assistance each day. If you want to be added to his distribution list, please send him an email at: gerald.hartfoot@dhs.gov. His contact number is 571-643-8502.

MS COMMISSION FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE – Susan Gregerson

- 676 registered volunteers at the end of day on Friday April 30th.
- 139 work orders completed
- 20 work orders pending
- Ebenezer and Mill Springs are two other volunteer reception centers, Susan will get numbers from these groups to report back.

MS DEPT OF HEALTH – No one present

No report available

MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH – Beth

Email with updates was sent to everyone yesterday. Monitoring situation and coordinating volunteers for oil spills. Still monitoring situation very few request for animal needs in tornado areas.

NATIONAL VOAD –

Recovery Committee is monitoring situation, looking at donations they have received, VOADS have local representative in are or plan to have one soon.

Regional VOADs:

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI VOAD – Jon Biggs

- Monitoring situation of oil spill and getting information to organizations. 1,000 volunteers have received training over weekend. It was safety training. Working on trying to find the right training for volunteers. Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m. at Knight Non-Profit Banquet room about an Oil Spill Summit.
- Monitoring situation in tornado response.

Mississippi VOAD Member Reports:

ASCPA – No one present

No report available

ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES –

Waiting to see what is going on and if they are needed. Shower trailer pulling out today.

AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE – No one present

No report available

AMERICAN RED CROSS – Josh Joachim

HQ is in Jackson MS. Outreach teams are extending help to the affected areas.

ASSESMBLIES OF GOD DISASTER RESPONSE – Robert Bingham

No

CAN – No one present

No report available.

CRWRC – Chris

Monitoring situation.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – Christina Baack

No changes since last week. Have a present in field and at 2 of the DRC.

CITY TEAM MINISTRIES – No one present

No report available

DISABILITY RIGHTS MS – JR 228-282-2128

Let Red Cross know they are available

GULF COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – No one present

No report available.

HANDS ON DISASTER RESPONSE – Bill

No report available.

IRD – Pamela Roberts

Monitoring situation and interested in case management.

LUTHERAN EPISCOPAL SERVICES IN MISSISSIPPI –Elizabeth Jones, Bob Lawry

- Camp Swayze LESM site is opening in Yazoo City address is 1655 County Barron Road. The camp should be open this afternoon.
- They have a shower trailer up there.
- Looking at getting bathroom facilities for volunteers.
- Contact is Butch Jones (228) 234-5169 or Matt Walencink (228)234-8682.
- Camp will be able to hold 100 volunteers

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICES – No one present

No report available.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF – No one present

No report available.

MISSISSIPPI COAST IDTF – No one present

No report available

MISSISSIPPI UNITED METHODIST DISASTER RELIEF – Wayne

Assessment teams in Lafayette and Alcorn Counties. In Corinth, 3 subdivisions with about 60 homes have different levels of water damage.

OPERATION BLESSING – No one present

No report available

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA – Sherry

Working on tarping project and preparing to do some long term recovery projects.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE – No one present

No report available

RAI – Maria Morris, John

- Setting up shower trailer at camp.
- Operations trailer will be in the 4 points area.
- Setting up some preliminary case management services.
- Scouting areas and meeting with families. Most of the houses are heavily damaged. People are very rural and isolated.
- Prepared to be involved in long term recovery and case management. Will be doing intake and CAN entry from the camp.

R3SM – Dina Parker

Can do case management if requested.

SAVE THE CHILDREN – No one present

No report available

THE SALVATION ARMY – Bill Fiest, Barbara Carter, BJ

Oil Spill: Training in MS was a wash this weekend due to weather. Training in LA over weekend and training in AL today.

- Tornado: Will be set up today giving out clothing voucher and Wal-mart gift cards for those that qualify at same location as feeding station at the Ribeye Steak and Shrimp. They have to have appointments. Telephone number for clients to call: 601-982-4881. Bill Fiest asked that we don't discuss Wal-Mart cards. Call it Limited Financial Assistance.
- Choctaw working with Mount Mariah Church, taking in can food. Clothing is no longer being accepted at Mount Mariah.
- In need of: diapers (size 5 and 6), basic medical supplies, tarps and water.
- Clients don't have a place to stay...people are living in cars with tarps over them because they are not wanting to leave possessions. Area that we are seeing this is in Chester MS down to Weir MS (Choctaw County).
- Choctaw County is being handled by Salvation Army on Hwy 12 West in Starkville, MS. Starkville location is not set up to receive large shipments.
- Corinth- Alcorn and Tippah. Feeding and shelter in Corinth. Supplying clean up kits for Choctaw and Alcorn.
- Harmony Baptist Church in Walnut- assessing day by day.

UNITED WAY/MISSISSIPPI 2-1-1 – No one present

No report available.

UNITED WAY/VOLUNTEER GULF COAST – No one present

No report available.

Other Agencies Reports:

DISASTER NEWS NETWORK – No one present.

No report available

SAMARITANS PURSE – No one present

No report available.

CHILDRENS DISASTER SERVICES – No one present

No report available

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE – Bryan, Bonnie, Joanne

Working on scheduling volunteers. Laura will be point of contact for the tornado and will be able to assist with long term recovery.

CONVOY OF HOPE – No one present

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No report available.

SOUTH EAST CHURCH OF CHRIST- No one present

No report available

VOLUNTEER FLORIDA- No one present

No report available

MENTAL HEALTH- No one present

No report available.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:

Can help with water and tarps.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Please get the information that Sandra sent out in email on Sunday am back to her so she can compile a list of resources.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:

- Not discussed at this call
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