



**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**

Wednesday, April 28, 2010 – 10:00 AM CST

(800) 320-4330; PIN# 897612#

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

- Organizations name, contact name and number, hours of volunteers worked and type of work done. Please send the volunteer information to Sandra Brassch at [sbraasch@lesm.org](mailto:sbraasch@lesm.org) and cc Susan Gregerson at [susan@mcvs.org](mailto:susan@mcvs.org)
- Please send organizations name, resources you can provide and potential services you can provide to keep duplication down to Jay Huffstatler at [jhuffstatler@mqccf.org](mailto:jhuffstatler@mqccf.org) and to Sandra Brassch at [sbraasch@lesm.org](mailto:sbraasch@lesm.org).
- Severe weather is coming this weekend, please stay tuned

**Federal, State, and National Support Agencies:**

**MEMA** – Allen Roark; email- [aroark@mema.ms.gov](mailto:aroark@mema.ms.gov); Office number: 601-933-6700

Allen reported that they are poor and elderly client folks that need help in Attala County. The contact person is Danny Townsend with the EMA office for Attala County and his telephone number is 662-289-5322

- The area should be getting a Presidential declaration around noon. There will be a lot of press because it is a very high profile situation since it is governor's hometown. Once the declaration has been declared, FEMA Operations will be set up. Location will be published once they are up and going. Yazoo County will have FEMA Recovery Center. Second location FEMA is looking at is Choctaw.
- Group in FL with be helping with the admin portions of aid matrix donations.
- Marsha Barbour setting up numbers for people to call in for assistance. Allen asked that all information being sent to Sandra Brassch and Jay Huffstatler include emails and cell phone number on the list. Please place private beside information you don't want published.
- Allen has been out of pocket doing damage assessments. Damage is great and widespread. It starts in Eagle Lake near Vicksburg MS and goes up through Yazoo MS through NE part of state. There is limited cell phone reception in the area.
- Emily Wildman from MCVS is in area.
- There are no plans to open a donation warehouse. Once the donations hit the ground they will be disbursed immediately.
- Sherriff of Hinds County has an 18 wheeler with donations set up disbursing donations out of back of the truck.
- They have talked about having case managers in recovery centers that FEMA will be opening. But no decision has been made, but Allen will be getting information. Allen thinks it is a good idea to have intakes down at recovery centers.
- IRD has a team of case managers that can respond if needed. Stephanie Mathes; email: [s.mathesird@yahoo.com](mailto:s.mathesird@yahoo.com)
- Maria Morse is in the area and can help with case management. They can input intakes into CAN.
- Samaritan's Purse is working out of Calvary Baptist in Yazoo.
- United Methodist has a team on the ground.
- Allen asked Shannon to have the 211 website updated, as well as facebook and twitter.
- [www.msma.org](http://www.msma.org) website has place to click to volunteer (take to volunteer Mississippi page) or click on donation portion. There are options for current needs or a just donate now button.
- Anyone going through Attala County needs to go through the EMA.

**FEMA** – No one present

No report available.

**MS COMMISSION FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE** – No one present

No report available.

**MS DEPT OF HEALTH** – No one present

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[www.msvoad.org](http://www.msvoad.org)

No report available

**MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH** – No one present

No report available

**NATIONAL VOAD** – No one present

No report available.

**Regional VOADs:**

**SOUTH MISSISSIPPI VOAD** – No one present

No report available.

**Mississippi VOAD Member Reports:**

**ASCPA** – No one present

No report available

**ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES** – No one present

No report available

**AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE** – No one present

No report available

**AMERICAN RED CROSS** – No one present

No report available

**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD DISASTER RESPONSE** – No one present

No report available

**CAN** – No one present

No report available.

**CRWRC** – No one present

No report available.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** – Christina Boss

Christina will be in Weir MS to set up at some location. Will also have someone set up at Yazoo Motors from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Yazoo to do intake and to get an idea of what the needs are. There will be PSA's in Yazoo about location and times for intake.

**CITY TEAM MINISTRIES** – No one present

No report available

**DISABILITY RIGHTS MS** – No one present

No report available.

**GULF COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** – No one present

No report available.

**HANDS ON DISASTER RESPONSE** – No one present

No report available.

**IRD** – Stephanie Mathes

Still monitoring situation. Interested in providing case management for DRC and LTRC.

**LUTHERAN EPISCOPAL SERVICES IN MISSISSIPPI** – Sandra Braasch

Debris removal and assessment.

**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** – Wade

Has a call center up for needs and deploying from there. Call center number is 1-866-657-7486. Local number is 601-354-0516. Have portable toilets and water. Also unloaded MRE's.

**OPERATION BLESSING** – No one present on call

No report available

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA** – No one present

No report available

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE** – No one present

No report available

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**RAI** – Maria Morris

Has a team on the ground in Yazoo City. Trying to get internet access up and going.

Scouting the area to see where they will be setting for construction people. Looking for a site to place a shower and bath trailer. Resources will be brought in tomorrow.

**R3SM** – No one present

No report available

**SAVE THE CHILDREN** – No one present

No report available

**THE SALVATION ARMY** – No one present

No report available.

**UNITED WAY/MISSISSIPPI 2-1-1** – Shannon Smothers

No report available.

**UNITED WAY/VOLUNTEER GULF COAST** – Mary Tell

No report available.

#### **Other Agencies Reports:**

**DISASTER NEWS NETWORK** – No one present.

No report available

**SAMARITANS PURSE** – John Pryor, Tommy Belasario

Have teams out and have volunteers taking work orders. Team on site in Yazoo City. Need place

**CHILDRENS DISASTER SERVICES** – No one present on call

No report available

**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE** – No one present.

No report available

**CONVOY OF HOPE** – No one present

No report available.

**SOUTH EAST CHURCH OF CHRIST**- Connie Weidman

Is new to conference call, but willing to help anyway they can.

**VOLUNTEER FLORIDA**- Megan Graham

Working with coordinating donations with Aid matrix.

Need to have good press releases to let people aware of the website and the system. Please call for small donations. Phone number for volunteers: 888-353-1793. Can also call 211. Aid matrix is used for larger donations.

IA included in declaration? Allen said yes.

**MENTAL HEALTH**- Scott Sumrall

No report available.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

- Look at coordinating efforts so we don't duplicate efforts.

#### **NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:**

- Friday March 29, 2010 – 10:00 AM CST
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