



**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**

Friday, April 30, 2010 – 10:00 AM CST

(800) 320-4330; PIN#: 897612#

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

- 449 volunteers registered & deployed
- Organizations name, contact name and number, hours of volunteers worked and type of work done. Please send the volunteer information to Sandra Braasch at [sbraasch@lesm.org](mailto:sbraasch@lesm.org) and cc Susan Gregerson at [susan@mcvs.org](mailto:susan@mcvs.org) as well as Jay Huffstatter at
- Please send organizations name, resources you can provide and potential services you can provide to keep duplication down to Jay Huffstatter at [jhuffstatter@mgccf.org](mailto:jhuffstatter@mgccf.org) and to Sandra Braasch at [sbraasch@lesm.org](mailto:sbraasch@lesm.org).
- Severe weather is coming this weekend, please stay tuned
- Please send info on agencies doing intake as well as their locations

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

**MEMA – Dan Magee**

Received IA declaration for Attalla, Holmes, Choctaw, Yazoo, and Warren Cos. Asking for Monroe and Union Cos. also to be included. FEMA # is 800.321.6632 to register or can go online to the FEMA website. DRCs are open in Yazoo Co. at the National Guard Armory at 2201 Gordon Avenue in Yazoo, MS. Other DRC is in Choctaw at the Weir Gymnasium at 265 Marion Kelly Dr. in Weir, MS. Both DRCs are open now 7 days a week from 8 AM – 7PM. Sending out FEMA Community Relations teams in the field. 5 MEMA CR Mangers will be in the field also. Case Management issue has not been answered yet. CM is a new FEMA program and currently MS has MCMC pilot ongoing. Would not be an extension of the program, but a molding of the program. No answers to the CM issue yet. FEMA will be dumping financial assistance information into CAN.

**FEMA – Ken Skalitzky**

Oil Spill update – declared as a state of emergency. FEMA is not the lead agency. Lead agency is Coast Guard. Coast Guard has been reaching out in prepared phase to voluntary agencies. Phil Shaw with AmeriCorps in one agency contact that has been deployed to work with Coast Guard. Coast Guard is being asked what voluntary agencies can do to assist and the responses will be sent back.

Tornado relief update – Jerry Harfoot is the VAL in the area. Deb Coleman will be arriving today or tomorrow. JFO is still undecided. Ken will arrive when JFO is set up. Please encourage people to complete SBA application packages. FEMA can and will provide training on how to complete SBA packets.

**MS COMMISSION FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE – Marsha Kelly**

Susan is still in the field. Preparing for next wave of bad weather. Coordinating Volunteer Center operation in Yazoo City. Also supporting Volunteer Center on the coast. [www.volunteermisissippi.org](http://www.volunteermisissippi.org) is the website to refer to.

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

No report available

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

No report available

**NATIONAL VOAD – James McGowan**

No report available.

**Regional VOADs:**

**SOUTH MISSISSIPPI VOAD – Jon Biggs**

Oil spill update – Continued to monitor to act as a clearinghouse for information. [www.pascagoulariver.audubon.org](http://www.pascagoulariver.audubon.org) is link to sign up for wildlife training. Ocean Springs will have a link to volunteer later today at [www.oceansprings-ms.gov](http://www.oceansprings-ms.gov). South MS VOAD has conference call tomorrow at 10:00 AM. Same call information as this one.

Tornado relief update – monitoring situation. CAN website has been restructured based on FEMA regions. Go to region 4 and enter client data in that portion called MS Tornadoes 2010. Please be sure to input that information.

**Mississippi VOAD Member Reports:**

**ASCPA** – No one present

No report available

**ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES** – Sharon Applewhite, Ray Elsberry

Still watching situation. Bringing in shower trailer with 12 showers to be set up across from Volunteer Reception Center today.

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

No report available

**AMERICAN RED CROSS** – Jerry Brow, Warren Miller, Josh Joachim, Bob Beebe

Oil Spill update – volunteers in beach clean-up will require hazmat training. Wildlife groups will be the group to handle animals with oil contamination. WLOX interviewed Marine Wildlife Museum folks saying training would be available to assist. WLOX will be providing a link to sign-up to volunteer.

Tornado relief update – continuing shelter efforts. Shelters on standby for approaching weather. Total of 4 shelters are on standby. 2 fixed feeding sites – one in Yazoo Co. and one in Holmes Co. 11 ERVS supporting mobile feeding efforts. Reaching out to communities providing assistance to families thru community relation teams. Please notify ARC of any communities not being reached.

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

No report available

**CAN** – Liz Bowen

No report available.

**CRWRC** – No one present

No report available.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** – Christina Bach

Kelly Wilson and Christina planned for today and upcoming week for psychological first aid assistance in the affected areas as well as a DRC presence. Chamon Williams is at the Volunteer Center.

**CITY TEAM MINISTRIES** – No one present

No report available

**DISABILITY RIGHTS MS** – JR Harrington, Polly Tribble

JR talked to Paige Roberts regarding need for specific medical equipment needed for sheltering. No needs identified as of yet.

**GULF COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** – Jay Huffstatler

Monitoring the situation

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

No report available.

**IRD** – Lori West

No report available

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

Have a volunteer camp at 1655 County Barren Road in Yazoo City (Camp Swazee) – 3 miles from the Volunteer Center in Yazoo City. Will be operational once storm moves through. Can host volunteers hopefully Saturday afternoon. Contact Butch Jones at 228-234-5169 or Matt Walencink at 228.234.8682 for more information. Can house 100-125 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** – No one present

Teams in Holmes, Attalla & Choctaw. Still tarping homes.

**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** – Jon Coyle, Maria Morris

In process of moving equipment to connect with Butch Jones to set up the equipment. Will be at the Boy Scouts camp.

**R3SM** – Dena Parker

Continuing to monitor the situation. Can assist with LTR and case management.

**SAVE THE CHILDREN** – No one present

No report available

**THE SALVATION ARMY** – Bill Feist

Concluded feeding operation Wednesday. Preparing to do socials services Tuesday, set up office trailer in same lot as feeding station. Social workers will have telephone & internet. Everything is being done by appointment thru Friday. Contact Jackson Corps to schedule appointment at 601.982.4881.

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

Will extend operations and will be open Saturday & Sunday from 8 AM – 6 PM. Resource Director will be send to Katie with American Red Cross. Will try to get info into CAN also.

**UNITED WAY/VOLUNTEER CENTER** – Mary Tell

Oil Spill Update – Was contacted by MCVS regarding establishing setting up a Volunteer Center. They are coordinating with Hands On MS, MCVS, and CNS setting up a center. Possible site in Hancock Co. will be the Hancock Housing Resource Center to register volunteers.

Tornado Relief update – Coordinating with MCVS and referring volunteers thru them.

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

**AIDMATRIX** – No one present

No report available

**HOPE CDA** – No one present

No report available

**OXFAM AMERICA** – Mark Hambrick

No report available

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

No report available

**SAMARITANS PURSE** – John Pryor, Rick Cobb

Still working with folks. 49 work order on hand, 11 completed.

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

No report available

**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE** – Bryan Crooruse

No report available

**CONVOY OF HOPE** – No one present

No report available.

**HANCOCK COUSING RESOURCE CENTER**

Oil spill update – Hancock EOC has opened the Command Center in their office to handle any operations necessary.

**SOUTH EAST CHURCH OF CHRIST**- No one present

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

**STATE OF FLORIDA** -

**VOLUNTEER FLORIDA**- No one present

No report available

#### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

- Lori West & Sandra Braasch are meeting to discuss a LTR meeting in person or via conference call. Trying to determine the best time to schedule it. Feedback is a lot of folks are hesitating to schedule a meeting yet. Idea is to follow new National VOAD Long Term Recovery Manual in instituting a Long Term Recovery Committee.

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

- Info will be sent out as soon as conference calls are lined up for next week