



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, April 26, 2010 – 10:00 AM CST

(800) 320-4330; PIN# 897612#

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

- Receiving numerous calls from organizations in and out of state about volunteers and donations. Referring that information to MCVS
- Conference Call scheduled each day this week if need be.
- Please send information for distribution to Jay Huffstatler. He is Secretary and point person for all information sharing.
- Phone # for volunteer sign-up is 888.353.1793 or online at www.VolunteerMississippi.org.

Federal, State, and National Support Agencies:

MEMA – Allen Roark

MEMA IA Staff are heading into field to do IA Assessments. Volunteers and donors are being referred to AidMatrix and volunteermisssissippi.org

FEMA – Ken Skalitzky

Supporting state as needed. If you know of pockets of area affected not on MEMA list, please let MEMA know. That helps need for FEMA support. Please gather info on the entire 90 mile damaged area – not just one area (Yazoo City only).

MS COMMISSION FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE – Susan Gregerson

Set up with Robert Bingham in Four Points location across from Incident Command post. Working with devastated areas in Holmes & Choctaw Counties. Opened at 7 AM today and will close at approximately 6 pm today. Plans are to be there from 8 til 6 pm daily until needs changes.

MS DEPT OF HEALTH – Scott Sumrall

No report available

MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH – No one present

No report available

NATIONAL VOAD – James McGowan

Monitoring to see how they can assist

Regional VOADs:

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI VOAD – Jon Biggs

Monitoring the situation

Mississippi VOAD Member Reports :

ASCPA – No one present

No report available

ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ray Elsberry, Sharon Applewhite

Monitoring the situation.

AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE – No one present

No report available

AMERICAN RED CROSS – Warren Miller

2 shelters open currently. Will monitor need and assess the need to continue to have it opened. Eagle Lake shelter is closed. Choctaw Co. shelter is open. Holmes Co. site is on standby. 5 ERVs have been brought in from around the state. As of today, National HQ is setting up operation on east side of Jackson. Fixed feeding site at First Baptist Church on 260 Grand St. in Yazoo City.

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD DISASTER RESPONSE – Robert Bingham

Teams in Choctaw Co. doing tarps on roof and debris cleanup. Yazoo City teams meeting with City.

CAN – Leslie Netter

CAN page (MS particularly) will be updated with info regularly. CAN be used for client intake now. Resource database is available now with lots of resources. Community Calendar is available for convening meetings, etc.

CRWRC – Fred & Mary Visser

Not in field now, but has offered out for clean-up/chainsaw teams.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – Chamon Williams, Ben Garrett

In field in Yazoo City in Choctaw Co. Offering first aid. Chamon is at MCVS site.

CITY TEAM MINISTRIES – No one present on call

No report available

DISABILITY RIGHTS MS – JR Harrington

Agency is waiting for LTR process to begin.

GULF COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – Jay Huffstatler

Monitoring situation

HANDS ON DISASTER RESPONSE – Bill Driskill

Monitoring situation

IRD – Lori West

Monitoring situation. Will be looking to groups to see if LTRC Committee will be needed.

LUTHERAN EPISCOPAL SERVICES IN MISSISSIPPI – Sandra Braasch

Skilled work teams ready to deploy for debris cleanup or other needs. Getting calls from Episcopal/Lutheran congregations

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICES – Kevin King

Monitoring situation. 2 person team in Choctaw Co. at French Camp doing drive-by assessments. Ready to help with debris clean-up and LTRC efforts.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF – No one on call

Feeding unit at First Baptist Church working with American Red Cross.

MISSISSIPPI COAST IDTF – John Hosey

Monitoring situation

MISSISSIPPI UNITED METHODIST DISASTER RELIEF – No one on call

No report available

OPERATION BLESSING – No one present on call

No report available

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA – Sherry Lanier

45 volunteers brought in and 15 from local churches. Worked yesterday doing debris cleanup, tarping, and chainsaw work. Reporting in at First Presbyterian in Yazoo City.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE – No one present on call

No report available

RAI – No one present on call

No report available

R3SM – No one present on call

No report available

SAVE THE CHILDREN – No one present on call

No report available

THE SALVATION ARMY – Bill Feist

Have 3 canteens in Yazoo currently. One at corner of 16 and 49 (Four points). Another in Ebenezer in Holmes Co., another roving in Yazoo. Deployed communications trailer with satellite phones. Working on internet also. This weekend there was a canteen in Attala Co. and Choctaw Co. in Chester area. Also working in AL in 2 other counties. Looking at possible needed LTR efforts in area. Asked about possibility of joint distribution center, to also include intake for needs.

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

On standby

UNITED WAY/VOLUNTEER GULF COAST – Mary Tell, Sue Suter

Coordinating with MCVS to refer volunteers. On standby if needed.

Other Agencies Reports:

DISASTER NEWS NETWORK – Jim Skellington

Story assigned. Will be reaching out to groups for information.

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SAMARITANS PURSE – John Pryor, Tommy Belasario

Team on site in Yazoo City. Need place to set up base camp. Standing by to set up camp to bring in volunteers.

CHILDRENS DISASTER SERVICES – No one present on call

No report available

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE –

Monitoring the situation. Will bring in recourse for LTR if and when needed.

CONVOY OF HOPE – Robert Bingham

Monitoring and feeding info as needed

OTHER INFORMATION:

- American Red Cross and The Salvation Army is assessing need for client financial assistance. No determination has been made yet. No other mention of available financial assistance has been mentioned.
- No current LTRC in area. Sandra will check on pre-existing LTRC. Previously all assistance came through Jackson LTRC, which is no longer active.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:

- Tuesday, March 27, 2010 – 10:00 AM CST
- 800.320.4330; PIN: 897612#