

Council Business Meeting

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Title: Rogue Valley Community Organizations Active in Disasters
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Summary:

This is a presentation by the Rogue Valley Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) explaining their role during a community or regional disaster.

Actions, Options, or Potential Motions:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

N/A

Resource Requirements:

No specific resource requirements. The COAD will be integrated in the City's Emergency Action Plan and included in subsequent Emergency Operations Center exercises.

Policies, Plans and Goals Supported:

Public Safety

23. Support innovative programs that protect the community

Background and Additional Information:

After Hurricane Camille (1969), it became clear to organizations that regularly helped disaster victims that their services were frequently duplicated and uncoordinated. Representatives from seven organizations began to meet on a regular basis to share their respective activities, concerns, and frustrations in disaster response. In 1971 they founded National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD), which now has 100 faith based and other voluntary member organizations. In the ensuing decades, state VOADs began to form and today there are more than 60 chartered state and territorial VOADs. In the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo and the earthquakes in northern California (both in 1989), it was abundantly clear that NVOAD was necessary, for no one organization could handle disaster response on the scale required. After Hurricane Andrew (1992), the VOAD movement extended to the local level. Disaster response organizations in regions hit by the disaster learned that cooperation at the regional, county, or metro-area level was crucial.

“COAD” stands for Community Organizations Active in Disaster. It differs from a VOAD in that a VOAD is typically organized on a statewide basis and a COAD is a more local – region or county – organization of community service agencies. The Rogue Valley COAD is reaching out to regional communities to develop partnerships that would benefit post-disaster activities.

Attachments:

- Charter of the Rogue Valley Community Organizations Active in Disaster
- Mission Statement for Rogue Valley Community Organizations Active in Disaster

Rogue Valley Community Organizations Active in Disaster Charter

I. Mission Statement

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II. Goals

Goal 1	Act as a coordinating organization in response and recovery with the Emergency Management Coordinator (s) having jurisdictional responsibility in a local disaster.
Goal 2	Collaborate with emergency management in providing information to citizens about volunteering and donating.
Goal 3	<i>Coordinate</i> staffing the emergency phone bank <i>when called upon</i> by Jackson County Emergency management.
Goal 4	Following an emergency, participate with emergency management in outreach.
Goal 5	Act as Jackson and Josephine County's Unmet Needs Committee; coordinating NGO, faith-based and community organization long term recovery efforts in Jackson and Josephine Counties.
Goal 6	Act as coordinating group for monetary donations.

III. Organization

- A. *General* membership is comprised of individuals representing local and state government, faith based and Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs/nonprofits) working toward the Mission and Goals of this Charter. Smaller teams and committees may be convened to implement specific projects.
- B. The RV COAD is not a 501 (C) (3) and does not keep a treasury or funds for any project. RV COAD will act as a coordinating group for monetary donations.
- C. RV COAD membership is inclusive and open to any government agency, faith based organization, or NGO organization with an interest in emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, or recovery. A member-actively represents their organization at RV COAD. A member provides and updates contact and other information as requested in the Membership Survey. Being a member is not restrictive.
- D. Membership indicates an interest and willingness on the part of an organizational representative to receive information, take part in RV COAD meetings, planning, and other activities and a willingness to support RV COAD efforts to achieve meaningful, effective collaboration and coordination in response to and recovery from an emergency.
- E. The RV COAD recognizes and supports the right of each member organization and affiliate committee or group to make autonomous decisions affecting their organization.
- F. The RV COAD provides a forum to address community readiness, training and exercise to better and more effectively respond and recover from emergencies.



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