

Kansas VOAD meeting
10am 7-17-07

FEMA

- AFO in Independence
- DRC now located in Memorial Hall in Independence
 - Residents to get direct assistance from FEMA
- Looking at Housing Assistance and Direct Housing (Trailers)
 - Doing interviews now- Planning Phase
 - No housing resources in area right now
 - In Coffeyville- all houses sold/ all apartments rented
 - Housing assistance for homeowners AND renters
 - 60 days from Date of Declaration to register with FEMA

Kansas Emergency Management (Devan)

- Setting up hotline- AmeriCorps run.
- Montgomery Hotline is in use now/ will be absorbed into State Hotline

Red Cross

- Gone through a lot of cases- have seen a big drop. (866) GET-INFO
- Shelters dropping off – approx. 34 people in shelters
- Major issues: vehicle replacement and housing
- Red Cross feeding dropping tremendously. Will end feeding on Thursday. Looking for another organization to take over feeding

SBA

- Loans for homeowners and businesses

Montgomery County

- 6,500+ homes affected
- 8,700 parcels of land affected
- 53 businesses affected

Salvation Army

- Opening location in Independence
- People coming in from Oklahoma for help- Salvation Army is not turning them away

Kansas Food Bank

- Given away 100,000+ lbs. of product
- Now supplying basic food needs- canned food, etc.
- Have some cleaning buckets, water, ice
- Starting to look more at Long Term Recovery
- Where do residents go? They need to go through an existing feeding agency
- AGENCIES wanting food should call (620) 331-0181

Seventh Day Adventists

- Distribution Center in Iola?
- Coffeyville – debating on opening a warehouse

VRC (Phil)

- VRC will be a go- old Dillan's store
 - Will know by end of day
 - Housing all services there
 - Storage capacity there and in Cherryvale

United Methodists

- Montgomery County- looking at setting up housing sites to house volunteers and to send to VRCs
- Long Term Recovery in 5 counties
- Case Management training Thursday
- Goal: Long Term Recovery

Mental Health

- Going door to door
- Assisted Red Cross by giving them their office space
- Support groups for residents scheduled:
 - 1st tonight (17 July) Independence
 - 2nd Thursday (19 July) Coffeyville
- Kansas All Hazards Behavioral Health
 - Most people being used in Greensburg
 - Employ flood victims as KAHBH workers
 - If you know of a potential employee, call Jean and give names (620) 331-1748
 - People who need help can call Jan, Ginger, or Sarah
- Kansas Rural Family Helpline- Agriculture
 - (866) 327-6578

United Church of Christ, Wichita (Will)

- Working in affected areas

Billy Graham Rapid Response Team

- Working with Samaritan's Purse
- Spiritual support for homeowners and volunteers

Humane Society

- Whittacre School, 3rd and Walnut (Temporary location)
 - 97 animals- even split between cats and dogs
- Shelter will operate until July 30th- residents have until 25th to claim animals
- Unclaimed animals will be removed to local Humane Societies
- Humane Society will not be doing adoptions themselves at the temporary shelter. They may bring in another agency to coordinate adoptions.

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Samaritan's Purse

- Mucking out houses, ministering to residents
- Most homes that they're working on had less than 3ft of water
- Plans to assist Coffeyville later this week
- Low on volunteers!! Will accept volunteers
- Response through August 13th
- (228) 342-7170 Todd Taylor's cell- Interagency only!!
- Have approx. 25 work orders now

CRWRC

- Having a hard time getting volunteers because of the number of disasters this year
- Typically work with LTRCs

AmeriCorps St. Louis

- Will be supporting a phone bank out of the AFO
- Supporting local VRC with Phil
- Team in Fredonia- VRC set up
- Had a team in Osawatomie- VRC support
- Now focused on Montgomery County
- KSVOAD.org is the Kansas VOAD website, which will have a VOAD contact list on it.

Dept of Veteran Affairs

- Provides medical, vision, and dental care and sometimes medications.
- Making sure that veterans are still receiving their checks
- Have residents contact FEMA and the VA with needs.
 - (800) 827-1000 National VA Office

LTRC (Phil)

- Community Issues
 - Housing
 - Agencies coming in when?
 - Kansas Assessment Teams should finish assessment in about 1 ½ weeks
 - Flood Insurance issues
 - If over 50 % of value of home, must raise above flood plain level
- What do we need from Phil?
 - LTRC meetings- info flow- minutes on website
 - Meetings weekly
 - AmeriCorps St Louis (ACSTL) to provide administrative support

Church World Service

- Usual role- assessment to find community needs
- Some resources/ flood buckets
- Training to LTRC
- Main concern is Coffeyville and oil spill

- CAN- Coordinated Assistance Network is a possibility, but there is a cost involved

Communityaccesscenter.com

- Will provide info for Montgomery County
- Is already being promoted
- Site will improve as we get more information

Send Release of Confidentiality Info sheet- can go on website and send over email

There will be a fund set up for Long Term Recovery Committee- for donations

Next meeting: 10am Wednesday, July 25 at the Highland Park Baptist Church

- Local churches will be invited