

IDAVOAD Meeting Minutes

Date: January 16, 2020

Location: Idaho Historical Society

ATTENDEES

- Bruce Wenigmann, UMCOR
- Chris Volmer, IOEM
- Jeremy Maxand, SILC
- Kara Fink, Idaho Office for Refugees
- Kim Monson, Idaho North Central Public Health
- Maria Ramos, Central District Health
- Marta Tanikuni, IDHW
- Molly Smith, Southwest District Health
- David Loewenstein, Cloverdale SDA Church Valley Wide REACT
- Ernie Bachman, MDS
- Myla Jeffries, ACEM
- David Tish, NCM
- April Durrant, HUD
- Zack Ward, Central District Health
- Brian Dale, HUD

MINUTES

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The IDAVOAD balance is \$10,863.40. The only bill between last meeting and now was \$35 for national VOAD dues. The report was approved as presented.

Membership Discussion

We want to look at what other states are doing for partner organizations and assessing what gaps in capability are and what groups we want to invite to the table. Would be good to have a subcommittee to explore this.

We need to get membership applications from partners this year too. We need to send out reminders.

We will update the brochure by the next meeting, and we will try to digitize our application.

Need to develop some information on how the VOAD can help emergency managers.

Would be good for VOAD to attend LEPC meetings to spread the word about VOAD

Put partners info in excel and upload to the website to display what capabilities can be done by whom.

May need a brochure for county emergency managers.

Annual IDAVOAD Conference

At the last meeting we established a conference planning. We will continue to use the location at Pilgrim Cove. The dates are September 20-22. The subcommittee will meet before the next VOAD meeting. We should continue to invite government entities to the conference to make it relevant to emergency managers and possibly hold a workshop on how EMs request services or work with VOAD partners.

Survey results, lot of feedback on longer conference, instead of half day, do the full day.

Exercises are important to include.

Marta will run herd on the planning committee.

Good to have a federal representation on the planning committee and ADA County to help with exercises.

Conference MARC After Action Report

Not a lot of changes we need to make to the SOP, but there are few tweaks to finalize it. It should be good to be pulled and used by anyone. It's now a functional document, the VOAD's plan, to keep and to nourish. ADA County is there to help make it better, exercise it, etc.

This is a springboard for developing more plans for other things we haven't fleshed out.

Ada County will send the AAR out to all the partners/members and we will include this on the next agenda to follow-up on.

Agency Updates

Public Health – Marta mentioned we might want to get a communications committee to help produce marketing material, etc. We'll have a conversation with Tiffany and Catherine about what committees we want or need.

Ada County EM – They are identifying how the Emergency Coordination Center can work with local ham radio operations in the county during a disaster. There will be upcoming ham radio license classes for anyone interested.

Red Cross – Bruce reported going to Panama City as part of an urban response team. Coordinator with Red Cross so when there is a fatality, injury, or missing person related to a disaster then they dispatch a secondary respond. Red Cross provides funding per deceased for support, and 2-4 people for disaster mental health, spiritual care, and case work. Positive response to the support in response to the recent plane crash in Wyoming. We may need to identify groups/partners that work more with fatalities to recruit to the VOAD.

IOEM – Cascadia 2022 is happening and the goal is to test core capability to provide mass care services, which is where VOAD comes in. Chris will submit a contract to participate for the cascade rising event.

Keith said to look at migration patterns in mass disasters. We won't get 100k of people traveling to Idaho. If people have contacts or policy makers decide the migration will happen, then people will come here. The populations we serve are vulnerable, and they can't travel to Boise. Trying to correct this idea as we define what Idaho's role is in an event like Cascadia. The FIT is interested in contributing where they can.

Justin reported that IOEM had the Cascadia meeting after the preparedness symposium in December. The information from that meeting is available if anyone needs it. This will be a bottom up exercise driven by folks on the ground to test capabilities and plans.

Molly – Last night they had the privilege of going to the Idaho's Brightest Stars award ceremony by Serve Idaho. They had a couple who volunteers get nominated. They made the final cut and were recognized as volunteers in Idaho. Organizations should consider nominating volunteers for this award annually. The volunteers stood up with the Lt Governor. Also, the Medical Reserve Corps had a ham radio testing session last week, and four new licensed operators. They also received an operational readiness grant of \$2,400.

SILC – Gearing up for presentations in Southern and Eastern Idaho in March and April. Go bags have been funded by IOEM.