

Oregon VOAD Special Meeting Minutes



January 17, 2017

Attendance:

Dan Moseler, *United Methodist Church*; Karen Parmelee and Joseph Murry, *Oregon Emergency Management*; Sarah Bates and Karen Truong, *Lane County COAD*; Michael Riedy and Terri Giles, *FEMA*; Robert Worlock, *Church of Scientology*; Dave Hillison, *NW Baptist Disaster Response*; Major Hendrik Sumter, *Salvation Army*; Tom Hogan, *Clackamas County COAD*; Charlene Larsen, *Lutheran Disaster Response*; Laura Pasco, *Adventist Community Services*; Mike Buresh, *Reach Out Worldwide*; Christian Burgess, *Disaster Distress Helpline*; Steve Sirkin, *Jewish Federation of Greater Portland*; Wendy Colvin, *Mennonite Disaster Services*; Eric Cummings, *Emergency Preparedness Leadership Forum*; Mike Johnson, *Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*; Dick Raub, *Episcopal Diocese of Oregon*; Tory Hammond, *211info*; Hani Hamwi, *Islamic Relief USA*; Susan Romanski, *Mercy Corps*; Les Miller, *Square Knot Preparedness Education & Coaching*; Dean Alby, *Oregon Food Bank*.

27 individuals representing 23 organizations/government agencies

1:00 p.m. – **Roll call**

1:15 p.m. – **Reports**

Dean welcomed everyone to this special conference call designed for our members to report out their activities in response to snow and freezing temperatures this last week.

- **The Salvation Army**, Major Hendrik Sumter – reports the SA is supporting feeding operations at the request of Multnomah County Emergency Management. Two warming shelters in Portland serving a total of around 160 homeless individuals. They will continue this activity until temperatures rise out of freezing, which should be around the end of the week. They currently have resources to continue this outreach and will probably not require support at this time.
- **211Info**, Troy Hammond – 211 is currently fielding phone calls to link people affected by the cold weather with resources. They are keeping in touch with county and other resources as there are a number of warming shelters in operation throughout the counties.
- **Oregon Food Bank**, Dean Alby – Dean reports that Oregon food Bank is providing “go bags” filled with nutritious snacks to two warming shelters in Portland at the request of Multnomah County Emergency Management. They have been provide around 350 bags daily for two days.
- **American Red Cross** – Dean reports the Red Cross is still dealing with the Hotel Adler fire that occurred just before Christmas. They are providing sheltering support with Portland State University for about 90 individuals displaced by the fire.
- **The Meals on Wheels People** - Dean reports that he was able to link the American Red Cross up with the Meals on Wheels People to provide ready to heat meals for the 90+ people displaced by the Hotel Alder fire. This support with continue

through Tuesday, January 17th, at that time CCC should have alternate housing options for all individuals impacted by the fire.

- **Oregon Emergency Management**, Karen Parmelee – the ECC at OEM has been activated and is providing resources to counties requesting support. At this time most requests are for snow removal equipment.
 - **ESF 6 (Mass Care)** – There are a number of warming shelters opened across the state. As these open, that information is provided to 211Info so they can provide the information to people calling in for services. Red Cross has been dispatched to Hood River and The Dalles at the request of the Emergency Manager in Wasco County. Currently, no sheltering operations have been opened up in that county but they are prepared if needed.
 - **ESF 11 (Food & Water)** - With the closure of Interstate 84 this week, food distribution along this east/west corridor has been disrupted. Stan Thomas with Oregon Department of Human Services and the Lead Agency for ESF 11, is keeping an eye on the situation here and developing plans for emergency food distribution by Oregon Food Bank if needed.
 - **ESF 15 (Donations & Volunteer Management)** – Karen and Joseph report there are no requests at this time from counties for support for either snow removal or sandbagging. The state ECC will remain open most of the week and route any requests for help to Oregon VOAD.

This ended the reports from our members and partners.

A full Oregon VAOD meeting will be rescheduled for February. This will probably be a conference call meeting and will be announced soon.

2:10 – **Adjourn.**