



## Weekly ORVOAD Informational Update Friday, April 7, 2017

ORVOAD Members and Partners –

### **Three Mill Road Bridge Request for Fiscal Help:**

*I want to be clear from the beginning, the following request for support from the VOAD is in the form of fiscal contributions to a project that has already been planned and is the process of moving forward.*

On Wednesday the Oregon VOAD leadership, along with Oregon Emergency Management and Jenny Hall (Josephine County Emergency Services Manager) pulled together a meeting with two representatives of homeowners in the Grants Pass area to discuss an unmet need to fix a bridge heavily damaged by winter storms. Norm Cegelnik and Dave Gowers representing the homeowners made it clear they were asking for fiscal support for this project as the technical drawings and contract work had already been developed to fix the bridge.

**Project Outline** – This last winter heavy rain and high water along McMullen Creek in Josephine County heavily damaged the main bridge serving around 15 households living in a remote area two miles from popular Lake Selmac. With the bridge heavily impacted, the homeowners are left to use a neighboring homeowner’s bridge and primitive road, or they can park on one side of the creek and walk/climb across the bridge and over to the other side. The bridge supports some heavy vehicle traffic as well as it provides access to emergency vehicles such as police and fire.

The ownership of the access road and bridge belongs to the homeowners and therefore, maintenance is the responsibility of these same homeowners (*read recent newspaper article [here](#) for more information*). The homeowners have pooled together approximately \$18,000 towards the renovation of the bridge but still have another \$8,000 to fundraise in order to achieve their goal and move forward on this project. There is a very short window of opportunity as this project is tentatively scheduled to begin in a couple weeks.

**The Ask** - As this project already has contractors and engineers involved, the request is for funds to rehabilitate the existing bridge – raise up the compromised section and secure it again to the far creek bank. This will cost around \$25,000 to \$30,000 for the completed project, \$18,000 of which has already been raised by the homeowners for the work.

**Recommended Plan of Action if You Choose to Respond** - A [Go Fund Me](#) account has been set up and we recommend you use this site to contribute funds. Any and all contributions become the property of the homeowners and are not tax deductible. This is not the “usual” kind

of project of the VOAD as the work has been completed in part by the homeowners. However, because of the complexity of the project, the number of impacted families, and the resulting effect this failed bridge has on the community, this project simply needs to be completed. We ask that you announce this unmet need to your local congregations, clubs and other social organizations to help rebuild the bridge at Three Mill Road.

If you need more information, please contact your Oregon VOAD Leadership, or you can speak directly to the lead homeowner representative:

Dave Gowers Engineering, LLC  
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### **New Oregon VOAD Committee:**

**Save the date!** During the March 21<sup>st</sup> regular OR VOAD meeting, those member organizations present supported & approved an initiative to create a new OR VOAD **Emotional & Spiritual Care Committee** (ESCC). The first meeting of the ESCC will be **Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm-3pm at the American Red Cross Cascades Region offices, 3131 N. Vancouver Avenue, in Portland.** If you and/or colleagues from your organization are interested in attending, please RSVP to Christian Burgess @ [cburgess@mhaofnyc.org](mailto:cburgess@mhaofnyc.org); once you RSVP, Christian will send you a calendar/meeting invite via MS Outlook to confirm. Non-profit, NGO, or governmental organizations/agencies who provide disaster emotional and/or spiritual care but who are not OR VOAD member organizations are also invited to attend, but must also RSVP so we can get an accurate estimate of attendance. There will be a call-in option for those unable to join in person, details for which will be included in the meeting invitation.

The agenda for this first meeting will include an overview and discussion of the basic purpose of Emotional & Spiritual Care Committees under the umbrella of National VOAD and how we may want to adapt it for the purposes of OR VOAD; proposed structure for OR VOAD ESCC meetings; and a general overview of OR VOAD for non-member agencies/organizations in attendance. In addition, we'll make time for round-table introductions for networking, and announcements for any disaster emotional and/or spiritual care-related resources & events!

### **Leadership Nominations:**

The ORVOAD Nominating Committee is seeking interested candidates for the 2017 election to the ORVOAD Executive Board. The election will be at the ORVOAD annual meeting on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> with the terms beginning July 1, 2017. The Nominations Committee consists this year of Co-Chairs [Tom Hogan](#) and [Steve Sirkin](#) and Dan Moseler.

The Bylaws state in Article VIII, Section A regarding composition of the Executive Board:

1. The Executive Board shall consist of up to eight voting officers: President, two Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Business Relations Liaison, and a Member-at-Large.
2. A Past President may serve on the Board as well and is selected by the current President to fill this role.

A description of the duties of all the officers is attached.

In this odd-numbered year the positions up for election for two year terms are the VP-Urban, Treasurer and Business Relations Liaison. In addition to these three positions, there are also two vacancies on the Executive Committee - the Secretary position and Member-at-Large.

The Bylaws state in Article VIII, section B regarding eligibility of Executive Board Candidates:

1. An individual from a Full Member agency may be elected an officer, if his or her organization is in good standing." This is also attached.

I hope people from Full Member agencies give some consideration to serving ORVOAD in and of these capacities. Please address any and all questions regarding the nominations process to [Tom Hogan](mailto:Tom.Hogan@orvod.org) (503-819-8367) or to [Steve Sirkin](mailto:Steve.Sirkin@orvod.org) at 503-680-7006.

Officer nominations need to be made to the committee no later than Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> so we can vet the nominations and make the completed Nominations List available to the full Oregon VAOD membership no later than April 18<sup>th</sup>. This timeline provides ample time for membership review of the officer nominations and allows for an informed and educated vote on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the bi-monthly Oregon VOAD meeting. The Nominations Committee will be actively seeking qualified candidates up to the nominations deadline of April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your consideration of this and your service to ORVOAD and the state of Oregon.

Blessings,

Tom Hogan, Co-Chair  
ORVOAD Nominations Committee  
(503) 819-8367

### **Spotlight on Oregon and SW Washington COADs -**

- ✚ Clackamas County COAD –
  - Meets Quarterly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.
    - Clackamas Community College, 19600 Molalla Ave., Oregon City, OR
  - Contact [Dean Alby](mailto:Dean.Alby@clackamascounty.gov), Chair for more information

- ✚ Clark County COAD –
  - Meets bi-monthly on the 2<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. Meetings in January, March, May, July, September and November.
  - Contact [Cindy Stanley](#) for meeting dates and times (360) 992-6285
  - Also, if you want to get onto Cindy's Alert List, please email and request the addition of your email address.
  
- ✚ Columbia County Emergency Planning Association
  - Meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
  - Contact [Libby Calnon](#) for more information
  
- ✚ Douglas County COAD –
  - Monthly Community Meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at the UCAN (United Community Action Network) conference room.
    - 280 Kenneth Ford Dr., Roseburg, OR 97470
  - Contact [Reed Finlayson](#), Chair for more information
  
- ✚ Lane Preparedness Coalition–
  - Contact [Jill Hoyenga](#), Chair for more information
  - Website: [www.preparelane.org](http://www.preparelane.org)
  
- ✚ Lane County COAD –
  - Contact [Karen Edmonds](#), Chair for more information
  
- ✚ Linn Benton Vulnerable Populations Planning Workgroup –
  - Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.
  - Contact [Sarah Bates](#) or [Karen Truong](#) for more information
  
- ✚ Marion/Polk COAD –
  - Contact [Kathleen Silva](#), Marion County Emergency Management
  - Website: [www.marionpolkcoad.org](http://www.marionpolkcoad.org)

## Trainings and Workshops:

### **Current Happenings & Items for Consideration**

- The Columbia River continues to be at or near minor flood stage as measured by several gauges to include Longview & Vancouver. The NWS is We are predicting the highest stages of the week with Friday morning's high tide, getting close to 18.0 feet at [VAPW1](#) and [PRTO3](#) and cresting around 14.1 at [LOPW1](#). The river is expected to remain in flood stage through mid-April.
- The RDPO and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) are partnering again this year to offer the REMTEC Shadow Team Program. This program offers local jurisdictions opportunities to shadow Command and General Staff positions on ODF Incident Management Teams during wildfire operations. Washington County Emergency Management (Chris Walsh) is managing the program and will coordinate incident deployments. Jurisdictions interested in joining the program are encouraged to contact [Chris Walsh](#) for more information. *Chris will present this program at the next REMTEC meeting and will be available for questions, don't miss it!*
- The most recent Legislative Bill Tracker Report is attached – many bills related to emergency preparedness, seismic risk & improvements, and changes within OEM. For more information on each bill and committee meetings, go to [Workforce :: Your Government](#)
- Oregon leaders are pushing through legislation Oregon's Earthquake Insurance Task Force bill. The bill is aimed at creating an insurance system similar to the California Earthquake Authority (CEA). Take a look at the [Risk Market News article](#) on the legislation and a related article from OSU on Earthquake Insurance: [Betting Against Earthquakes](#)

### **Events/Workshops**

- 4/21 Active Shooter Preparedness Workshop hosted by DHS. 8:30am – 4:00pm, Moda Center, Portland, OR. This workshop will focus on recognition, prevention, and protection for employees; and will aid organizations in building emergency planning capabilities. *Registration closes April 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm.* Registration for this event is free; please [click here to register](#). *Flyer attached.*
- 5/17 “Mission Ready Package Workshop”, hosted by Oregon Emergency Management (OEM). 8:30a.m. – 11:00a.m. Salem, OR. This training is designed to help agencies pre-script mutual aid requests. Registration due by April 27<sup>th</sup>. Go here for [more information and to register](#).
- 7/24-7/25 - Pacific NW Disaster Resilience Symposium, Portland Marriott Downtown, \$195 for 8 plenary sessions, breakfast, lunches, and receptions. This symposium will provide attendees with the opportunity to interact face-to-face with elected officials and legislators participating in the PNW Economic Region Summit and increase awareness for important issues like Climate Change, Critical Infrastructure Interdependencies, Cybersecurity, and other key topics. [Register here.](#)

## Training & Exercises

- 4/20 Practical Exercise Design Course hosted by TVF&R, Tigard, OR and taught by Jeff Rubin, PhD CEM. [Registration and more information.](#)
- Regional Training Calendars:
  - [RDPO Regional Training Calendar](#)
  - [OEM Training Calendar](#)
  - [Washington State EMD Training Calendar](#)
  - [FEMA Region X Training Calendar](#)
  - [FEMA Emergency Management Institute](#)

## Jobs/Internships (in order of closing date)

- Emergency Preparedness Undergraduate Intern, Kaiser Permanente NW, Portland. Part-time position, not to exceed 6 months. [Apply here.](#) *No closing date listed.*
- Wildland Fire Suppression Specialist, multiple locations. The Oregon Military Department hires seasonal Wildland Firefighters each year, typically from June-September. For more information and to apply, go [here.](#) *Open until further notice, may close anytime.*
- University of Oregon Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Eugene, OR. ***Open until filled.*** [Apply Here](#)
- Regional Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Cascades Region American Red Cross, Portland, OR. ***No closing date listed.*** [Regional CEO, apply here.](#)

FEMA is seeking talented men and women who are eager to assist disaster survivors as [Reservist Employees](#). Send your resume to [fema-reservist-hiring-initiative@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-reservist-hiring-initiative@fema.dhs.gov) if interested.