



# Oregon Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

*December 1, 2017*

ORVOAD Members and Partners –

The Holidays are upon us, folks are coming back from being deployed to recent disasters and there is time for thanksgiving and contemplation. This year has been unusually busy and I know folks are tired, so we want to encourage each of you to take time for yourself, re-energize and make sure you are sharp before being deployed again.

Already, we are building up a fairly busy schedule for next year (2018). We have officer elections in May, a Mt. West Conference here in April, the National VOAD conference in May and the Oregon Emergency Management Workshop in May. Along with the conferences and such, there are trainings, workshops and seminars aplenty to sharpen our understanding of disaster response and long-term recovery.

So I guess I am trying to say, it looks like 2018 will be every bit as busy as 2017. Therefore, it is extra important to pace yourself, make time for your family and make sure disaster response does not do you in.

And during this Holiday Season all the officers of Oregon VOAD wish you and your families the happiest of holidays and a Happy New Year.

Charlene, Dick, Wendy and Laura

## **Meetings and Announcements:**

### **✚ CASCADIA –**

- December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
- Lunch and Learn Video Presentation featuring Dr. Chis Goldfinger
- Roosevelt Operations Center, 4200 Roosevelt Blvd, Eugene

### **✚ Multnomah County Disaster Behavioral Health Key Stakeholder Meeting**

- Wednesday, December 6, 2017
- Kenton Library, 8226 N Denver Ave., Portland OR 97217
- 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### **✚ Mt. West VOAD Conference Planning Conference Call**

- Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>,
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Conference Call #: 800-320-4330
- Conference PIN: 714633

### **✚ Next Oregon VOAD Members/Partners Meeting**

- Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Mercy Corps, 43 SW Naito Pkwy, Portland, OR 97204
- 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

### **✚ Mt. West VOAD Conference – *save the date***

- The fifth annual Mt. West VOAD Conference will be hosted by Oregon VOAD in 2018. We look forward to a very informative and fun event that pulls in our partners across the entire NW United States.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Adventist Community Services Conference Center, 19800 Oatfield Rd. Gladstone, OR 97027.

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

### **✚ Clackamas County COAD –**

- Contact [Jamie Hays](#) 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 [Anthony Vendetti](#) for more information (360) 992-6271

- ✚ Columbia County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
  - Meets quarterly on the second Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
    - Meetings are July, October, January and April
  - Contact [Libby Calnon](#) for more information
  
- ✚ Deschutes County COAD –
  - Kickoff meeting for the newly formed COAD
  - Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Deschutes County Sheriff's Office  
63333 Hwy 20 West  
MAC Room (*Second Floor*)
  - Contact [Ashley Volz](#) for more information
  
- ✚ Douglas County COAD –
  - Monthly Community Meeting on the second Wednesday of each month.
  - 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 –
  - COAD meetings are held quarterly
  - Contact [Karen Edmonds](#), Secretary for more information
  
- ✚ Linn-Benton COAD –
  - Linn-Benton County VPPW meetings are the fourth Thursday of the month from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
    - Next meeting is Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at The Salvation Army in Albany, SE Columbia St.
  - Contact [Anders Kass](#) for more information
  
- ✚ Marion/Polk COAD –
  - Contact [Kathleen Silva](#), Marion County Emergency Management
  - Website: [www.marionpolkcoad.org](http://www.marionpolkcoad.org)
  
- ✚ Rogue Valley Preparedness & Recovery Hub
  - RV COAD meets at The Salvation Army, 304 Beatty St., Medford, OR 97501,  
Look to their website for the next COAD meeting.
  - Website: <https://roguevalley.recovers.org/>

## **National VOAD Conference Spotlight:**

The 2018 National VOAD Conference is scheduled for May 7-10 2018 in Providence, RI. Yes, Rhode Island! *If you are planning to attend, please let our Oregon VOAD leadership know so they can highlight this activity to our community partners. A recent announcement from NVOAD extends the conference workshop proposal deadline.*

“We understand due to the recent disasters our members have been vigorously engaged in response efforts. Therefore, we have decided to extend the deadline for workshop proposals to Friday, December 15, 2017. For those of you that have already submitted a proposal, thank-you! No further action is required at this time. If you are still interested in submitting a proposal, more information about the topics of interest and scoring procedures can be found by clicking here. 2018 National VOAD Conference.”

## **Trainings and Workshops:**

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

- **DHS National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin** – since 2015 DHS has used this Bulletin to highlight the continuing terror threat to the U.S. Homeland. An informed, vigilant and engaged public remains one of our greatest assets to identify potential terrorists and prevent attacks. The updated Bulletin dated November 9<sup>th</sup> can be found [here](#). Follow this link for more information on the [National Terrorism Advisory System \(NTAS\)](#).
- **2 Weeks Ready** – OEM has launched a series of lively one-minute videos with simple tips on how to be 2 Weeks Ready. View them all at [Oregon Oem - YouTube](#) and feel free to share with friends, family, co-workers and others. Two new videos will be added in the coming weeks!
- **9-1-1 Program** – “Call when you can, text if you can’t.” To see a map of the current Text to 9-1-1 availability, visit [www.nwtext911.info/](http://www.nwtext911.info/).
- Got your winter weather car kit all ready? Waxing your skis or snowboard? Check out Tyree’s **Winter Weather Outlook** presentation and get the latest on what is expected this winter.
- Last spring a delegation from our region, including several RDPO committee members and staff, participated in the Japan Best Practices Mission to learn about recovery, reconstruction and resilience efforts following the **Great East Japan Earthquake**. The delegation created a report, [GEJE Bento Boxes: Key Findings & Lessons from the Greater Portland Study Mission](#). As we continue to develop the REMTEC work plan and project pipeline, the RDPO Steering Committee is asking the work groups to review the report and determine what can be applied to current and future projects.

- FEMA's National Integration Center just released a series of **National Incident Management System (NIMS)** resource management documents intended to enhance interoperability and the effectiveness of mutual aid. The documents include:
  - The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) (*copy attached*)
  - A set of NQS Job Titles/Position Qualifications for personnel serving in over 50 incident management and support positions (<https://www.fema.gov/national-qualification-system>)
  - A set of NQS Position Task Books (PTBs) for those positions (also available at <https://www.fema.gov/national-qualification-system>)
  - A set of NIMS Job Titles/Position Qualifications and Resource Typing Definitions other than NQS that define minimum qualifications and capabilities for personnel and their equipment within their assigned teams (available here: <https://rtlt.preptoolkit.fema.gov/Public>)
  - The NIMS Guideline for Mutual Aid (*copy attached*)
- **REAL ID Enforcement** Oregon & Washington update – Both states now have an extension for REAL ID enforcement, allowing Federal agencies to accept driver's licenses and identification cards from OR and WA at Federal facilities, nuclear power plants and federally regulated commercial aircraft until October 10, 2018.
  - The most common federal use of state-issued ID is for air travel. Starting Jan. 22, 2018, the Transportation Safety Administration will require Real ID Act-compliant identification or state-issued ID from states with exceptions (like OR & WA) for boarding commercial aircraft for domestic flights

### Events/Workshops

- 2/7/18 – 2/8/2018. Disaster Behavioral Health Conference, “Partnerships are a Key”, Salem Convention Center. 16 Continuing Education Hours will be awarded; Registration \$495 & Student Registration \$200. [Sign up here.](#) **Flyers attached.**
- FEMA Webinars on the updated National Incident Management System (NIMS). Register ASAP using the links below as the previous webinars filled upon rather quickly.
  - [Webinar 12: Tuesday, December 4, 2017, 12:00 p.m. EST](#)
  - [Webinar 13: Thursday, December 6, 2017, 2:00 p.m. EST](#)

### Training & Exercises (in order of training date)

- 1/16/18-1/17/18: (ICS 400) Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff. 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day. Tumwater, WA. **Flyer & application attached.**
- WA State EM Division Training Opportunities Bulletin featuring courses from FEMA Region X, WA State EMD, and local stakeholders. To view course and session details, log in to [Washington TRAIN](#). If you don't have an account, follow the directions to create one and manage your account.
- Karen Layng is the new State Training Officer. If you have questions regarding training or need to send in your FEMA 119 forms for a specific course, contact Karen at [karen.layng@state.or.us](mailto:karen.layng@state.or.us).
- Planning on going to EMI for training? Your application needs to be submitted no less than six weeks prior to the class.
  - Check the [OEM Training Calendar](#) for the most up to date list of training.

- Regional, State, Federal Training Calendars:  
[Washington State EMD Training Calendar](#)  
[FEMA Region X Training Calendar](#)  
[FEMA Emergency Management Institute](#)

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

- [Assistant Emergency Manager](#), Lincoln County. Lincoln County, Oregon is a very progressive emergency management community and we are very excited to recruit our newest team member to our Team Lincoln County. **Closes November 24<sup>th</sup>. Flyer attached.**
- [Emergency Management Planner](#), Multnomah County Emergency Management (MCEM), Portland. **Closes November 27<sup>th</sup>.**
- [Emergency Preparedness Associate](#), Americorps Portland, OR with the Mercy Corps Cascadia Team. Early applications strongly encouraged, selections made on a rolling basis. **Closes Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.**
- [Director Emergency Management](#), Kitsap County Emergency Management, Bremerton, WA. **Open until filled.**
- [Emergency Preparedness Manager](#), Vancouver, WA City Manager's Office. **Open until filled.**