



Oregon Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

ORVOAD Members and Partners –

Oregon VOAD Members On the Move:

Jewish Federation of Portland

Steve Sirkin of the Jewish Federation of Portland shares the work of our partners with the note below by Marc Blattner.

End of Summer Devastation

With school back in session and work schedules returning to normal, summer is at least unofficially over. Sadly, however, these are not normal times.

Our continent is currently experiencing terrible (natural and man-made) disasters. The fires burning in the Gorge and elsewhere in Oregon are devastating (click [here](#) to support local organizations supporting the impacted communities). The potential impact of Hurricane Irma so soon on the heels of Harvey (here is an [amazing story](#) of a Jewish family in St. Martin who found shelter in the mikvah when Hurricane Irma hit the island). Last night's 8.1 magnitude earthquake in Mexico, their largest in 100 years. I do not recall so many things happening all at the same time.

It is good, however, to see that the rebuilding efforts have already begun in the Houston area. To date, our community has raised over \$36,000 for these relief efforts (100% of all funds raised immediately are sent). We have even been blessed with generous donations for the Oregon fires from former Portlanders now living in Seattle and Northern California. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to date. Unfortunately, with the current weather forecast, more support will be needed as Hurricane Irma makes landfall.

I want to share an update from a colleague in Houston:

The wreckage in Houston continues to reveal itself, and the realization that our community has been brutally shattered has become our new normal. Cleanup has begun in earnest in areas where it's possible, but West Houston remains under water. More than 70% of the Jewish community lives in parts of the city that were badly flooded, and that includes nearly 12,000 Jewish elderly. The start of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is now less than two weeks away and flooded synagogues are scrambling to find places to hold services.

Raised and Allocated

To date, Jewish Federations across America have raised nearly \$7.8 million for Hurricane Harvey relief and funds are being allocated to address the following priorities:

- Immediate cash grants for flood victims' essential needs
- Extended day-camp programming to make up for delayed school opening
- Expanding capacity of Jewish Family Services to allow them to provide one-stop, comprehensive assistance
- Grants to rabbis' discretionary funds to meet acute congregational needs
- Funds to the Hebrew Free Loan Association that will match resources from Cleveland, Los Angeles, New York, and San Francisco to create a new Hurricane Harvey loan pool

The Houston Jewish Federation's flood committee is meeting again next week to allocate additional funds as the requirements of the community become more apparent. They will also address further financial assistance needs that are designed to strengthen local agency capacity. The committee will also help flooded synagogues find temporary locations for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

You can get further updates from the [Jewish Herald-Voice](#) in Houston.

NW Baptist Disaster Response –

David Hillison for *NW Baptist Disaster Relief* called me the other day as he was heading out the door being deployed to Houston. He and his team will move to Florida in the coming weeks as well to help feeding operations in that state.

Operation Bar-B-Q Relief –

Tim Lambert and his team from *Operation Bar-B-Q* have been in Houston for a couple weeks now. Tim reports they served 355,000 meals in nine days, 20,000 meals were airlifted in chinook helicopters compliments of the National Guard. Operation Bar-B-Q Relief is moving its operations over to Shreveport, Louisiana in response to Hurricane Irma and should be operational soon in that location.



Mennonite Disaster Services -

MDS is closely monitoring the situation and has activated an investigation team in preparation.

Work in Texas began earlier this week in Bloomington, a rural community in Victoria County about 40 miles from the state's southeast coast. Volunteers began cleaning up and cutting trees as part of the early response effort to Hurricane Harvey.

Remember and pray for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey as well as those being threatened by Hurricane Irma. Pray also for those affected by the wildfires in the western U.S. Dozens of fires are burning across eight western states, including the largest ever recorded in the Los Angeles area.

Samaritan's Purse –

Keeth Willingham of *Samaritan's Purse* called in and reports they currently have five groups stationed in Texas in Victoria, Rockport, Santa Fe, Pearland, and Houston. They are in need of volunteers to support their work of helping flood victims:

- Clean up flooded homes
- Remove personal belongings from rentals
- Remove fallen trees and other debris
- Temporarily patch roofs with plastic tarps



For forms and questions, please visit spvolunteer.org.

Upcoming Events –

Senate Bill 850 Community Resilience Legislation
Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC)

Date: September 12, 2017

Location: Courtyard Marriott
435 NE Wasco Street
Portland, OR 97232

Oregon VOAD September Meeting Cancelled

We have had to **cancel our September Oregon VOAD meeting** scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th do to scheduling conflicts and the like. We will announce a next meeting date as soon as we can get the Leadership team together and plan.

Spotlight on Oregon and SW Washington COADs -

- ✚ Clackamas County COAD –
 - Contact [Jamie Hays](#) for more information

- ✚ Clark County COAD –
 - Meets bi-monthly on the 2rd Tuesday. Meetings in January, March, May, July, September and November.
 - *The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th from 9-11 a.m. at the Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., Rm 678, Vancouver, WA 98660*
 - 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

- ✚ Douglas County COAD –
 - Monthly Community Meeting on the second Wednesday of each month.
 - *Next meeting is Wednesday, September 13th at 1:30 p.m. 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

- ✚ Lane County COAD –
 - COAD meetings are held quarterly
 - Contact [Karen Edmonds](#), Secretary for more information

- ✚ Linn-Benton COAD –
 - Linn-Benton County COAD meetings are
 - *Next meeting is Thursday, September 21, 2017 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., at the Sunset Building, 4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis, OR 97333*
 - Contact [Sarah Bates](#) for more information

- ✚ Marion/Polk COAD –
 - Contact [Kathleen Silva](#), Marion County Emergency Management
 - Website: www.marionpolkcoad.org

Training Opportunities as Announced by OEM:

Attached are the training announcements for the following courses (*Italicized listings are new announcements*):

- *August 23-25, 2017: L0348 Orientation to Mission Assignments for FEMA Staff and Interagency Partners (Camp Murray, WA)*
- *September 19-21, 2017: Oregon Emergency Management Association Conference 2017 (Eugene, OR) – for more information <http://www.oregonemergency.com/2017-conference/>*
- *November 7-9, 2017: G0290 Basic Public Information Officers Course/G0291 Joint Information System/Center Planning for Tribal, State, and Local Public Information Officers (Salem, OR)*
- Various trainings announced from Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office

Current Training Calendar on OEM Training Page:

<http://www.oregon.gov/oem/emresources/Pages/Training.aspx>

FEMA Region X Training calendar: <http://fema.mhsoftware.com/ViewNonBannerMonth.html>

Please contact if you have any questions regarding training or need to send in your FEMA 119 forms for a specific course.

Trainings and Workshops:

Current Happenings & Items for Consideration

- **NEW:** A regional group is working to create a public messaging campaign based on the complex talking points contained in the Disaster Sanitation document - *see attached*. [Justin Ross](#) is Multnomah County's point of contact for this project. Please contact him if you have any questions, input, etc.
- **NEW:** The Portland weather radar will be out of service for approximately 5 days starting on Monday, August 28th. Data can be viewed from several adjacent radars, please refer to the *attached flyer* for a list of those radars and links to various National Weather Service sites.
- **NEW:** OMSI's New and Improved Shake House – coming fall/winter 2017! For many years, OMSI's Shake House has delighted visitors as they experience earthquakes and learn to drop, cover, and hold on while singing “*I feel the Earth, move, under my feet...*” After more than 500,000 quake simulations, the Shake House is ready for an update! **Join us for the October REMTEC meeting taking place at OMSI** and get a preview of the Shake House update and other OMSI renovation plans. *Shake House flyer attached*.
- Interested in Drone Applications for Emergency Management? PCC is offering a Remote Pilot Training Program. Visit their Facebook Page at [PCC Drones](#), contact Jane Ellis jane.ellis@pcc.edu for more information. *Flyer attached*.
- Article on Eugene's plan to develop emergency wells over the next five years. [Register-Guard](#)

Events/Workshops

- 9/8 9:00am-12:00pm – Regional MAC System Orientation Workshop, Portland Fire Bureau Training Center. The roles, relationships, and responsibilities of the Region's County EOCs, ECCs, MAC Groups, MAC Group Support Organizations, the Regional Logistics Support Team, and the Regional Joint Information System will be examined during this workshop. Please send an email with your name, contact information, and agency to mshedrington@aol.com or call 503.750.7816. Registrations will be taken until September 3rd, 2017. *Flyer attached*.
- 9/12-9/14 – National Conference on Mass Violence Incidents and Underserved Victims, University of Oregon in Eugene. The University of Oregon Police Department, the California Victim Compensation Board, and the Oregon Department of Justice are partnering to host a national conference focused on effective collaborative efforts between law enforcement and victim services when responding to victims of a mass violence incident. [Register here](#).
- 9/14 – Seismic Engineering Benefit/Cost Analysis training, OR Employment Department, Salem, OR. If you are interested in applying to the Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program you should plan on attending this training! [Register here before September 7th](#). *Flyer attached*.
- 9/19 - 9/21 The Annual [Oregon Emergency Managers Association Conference](#) is scheduled for Sept. 19-21 at the Valley River Inn in Eugene, OR.
- 9/26-9/27 Southern Cascadia Earthquake Symposium, Medford, OR. “An educational event for OR and Far Northern California”. *Flyer attached*. For more information contact Larry Masterman, Medford EM Coordinator - Larry.Masterman@cityofmedford.org

Training & Exercises (in order of training date)

- 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. *Flyer attached.*
- 9/15-9/17 - Wide Area Search Training, open to volunteers and professionals. Josephine County SAR Barn in Grants Pass. For more information on SAR classes contact Scott Lucas at 503-378-3338 or scott.lucas@mil.state.or.us
- 10/10 & 10/11 - Logistics Course (Day 1) and Logistics Chief's Course (Day 2), Portland ECC. Tuition is free. Register [here for Day 1](#) and [here for Day 2](#).
- 10/12 & 10/13 – Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness (MGT-439), Portland State Office Building, Portland, OR. Morning snack & lunch provided. [Go here for more information & to register.](#)
- 11/6-11/10 – (ISO 22301-LI) Lead Implementer, Business Continuity Management System (BCMS) 5-day course & certification, Portland. \$2900 per individual, [Register here.](#)
- **NEW:** 11/13-11/17 – Heritage Emergency and Response Training. A unique opportunity for US-based professionals to gain skills and experience in disaster response for cultural heritage. Organized by the Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative and FEMA's Office of Environmental Planning & Historic Preservation, co-sponsors of the Heritage Emergency National Task Force. Go to the [program background and application process](#) for more information. *Application deadline is September 15th.*
- Regional, State, Federal Training Calendars:
 - [OEM Training Calendar](#)
 - [RDPO Regional Training Calendar](#)
 - [Washington State EMD Training Calendar](#)
 - [FEMA Region X Training Calendar](#)
 - [FEMA Emergency Management Institute](#)

Jobs/Internships (in order of closing date)

- Consultant, Continuity of Operations Planning, Portland Mercy Corps. Here is the link to the position in Jobvite: <http://app.jobvite.com/m?3hPOZjwH>. [Apply here](#)
- Emergency Management Manager, Puyallup, WA. First review of applications June 26th, **no closing date listed.** [Apply here.](#)