

# Indiana VOAD Meeting

*January 9, 2013 – American Red Cross – Indianapolis – 1:00pm*

## Attendees

Bert Williams – Salvation Army

Carolyn King – March 2 Recovery

John Tracy

Eldon Studer – Friends Disaster Services

Bill Owen – Luthern Disaster

Joyce Gerwing – Luthern Disaster

Steve Cain – Purdue Extension

Abby Hostetler – Purdue Extension

Chris Gilbert – American Red Cross

Charlie Jones – Madison County COAD

Erik Nepert – Gleanor's Food Bank

Larry Cassange – IDHS

Leah Cody – ICART

Garrett Walton – IDHS

Dave Powell – UMCOR

Mary Anna Speller – IN/KY Conference of  
United Church of Christ

## Minutes:

### **Agency/Organizational Updates**

*Dave Powell (UMCOR)* – Early Response Team training February 8 and 9 at North United Methodist (38<sup>th</sup> and Meridian, Indianapolis). Early Response Teams are the teams that are trained to enter an area and start tarps and things of the like. *inumc.org*

*M2R* – March 2 Recovery was able to welcome 10 families home before the holidays with the help of Habitat for Humanity. The area is still in need of skilled volunteers. M2R is working on events surrounding the one year anniversary.

American Red Cross – Responding to house fires across the state and currently have teams deploying in response to Hurricane Sandy.

Purdue Extension – Still very drought focused. Drought monitor is not showing much improvement in the overall, long-term outlook. There are still no real numbers being put to the drought, yet.

Gibson County Update – There will be a conference call on Friday to assess needs and progress.

IDHS – Gibson County (DHS Level), all applicants, but 2 have been fully paid. The last two are expected to receive \$5,000 each and total distributed will be about \$70,309.

Nominations Update – Conference call Friday to solidify slate.

Next meeting is on February 14, 2013 at Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis.