

Indiana VOAD Call

March 13, 2013

Attendees

Bob LaGrange – Indiana DHS

Seth Gardner – FEMA

Chris Gilbert - American Red Cross

Jane Crady – Catholic Charities

Eldon Studer – Friends Disaster Services

Cynthia (?) – Church World Service

Lea Cody – ICART

Susan Gilmore – Church World Services

Emily Bryant – Feeding Indiana’s Hungry

Dave Powell – UMCOR

Carl Lamb – Indiana Honor Bound Disaster
Response Network

Ed Molder – World Renew – DRS (formerly
CRWRC)

Brent Read – LDS Emergency Response

Mick Newton – Noble County COAD

Doug Keenen – Noble County COAD

Mary Sullivan – Metro United Way & SINCOAD

Carolyn King – March2Recovery

Kathy O’Day – Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
IND District/March2Recovery

Minutes:

Agency/Organizational Updates

- o Agency/Government
 - o Bob LaGrange – nothing new since last meeting – all going well so far.
 - o Chris reported that he spoke with Mike Schantz – Shelby County EMA Director – nothing to report.
- o VOAD Members
 - o Carl Lamb reported that he is working with Mr. Bradshaw to do roofs on 3-4 houses in Gibson Co. Hoping to get started within next couple of weeks – trying to find more volunteers.
 - o Eldon Studer reported that he is taking 10 volunteers in the next two weeks to work with VROC on 5 houses that are in progress in Henryville area.
- o COADs
 - o Mary Sullivan – SINCOAD still working is support of M2R will meet in April. Nothing else to report.
 - o Mick Newton of Noble County COAD reported that they just got organized, they have a committee working on policies and procedures, and that they have great core group started and are looking forward to getting things going.
 - o Chris said that there are several COADs across state and many more areas looking to begin COADs.
- o FEMA
 - o Seth reported that he just got back from NY - getting organized for the storm season here.
- o Long Term Recovery Groups

- Mary Sullivan (Carolyn's phone dropped off) reported on the commemorations on March 2 marking the 1 year anniversary of the tornadoes, saying that all areas had good events. Carolyn King rejoined the call and reported that March 2 was great day – very pleased. She also reported that work on homes was going well with a good supply of volunteers, although more with skills are always needed and welcome.
- Carolyn also reported that Jennifer Mills Knutsen is the new official chair of M2R.
- Jane Crady reported for Holton LTRG, things have been quieter for the past week due to the loss of three local teenagers in an auto accident. She also said that skilled volunteers are still needed, especially electricians, plumbers and dry wallers.
- Others
 - None

General business

- Contact/member list updates
Chris reported that he is using a new format for updating information via email and that he and Abby are working on updating membership contact information. There are 144 contacts on the list, but not all information is complete. They need that information, as they are trying to firm up the list. If you have not been getting Indiana VOAD updates and reminder emails from Chris, please send him an email at chris.gilbert@redcross.org.
- Indiana VOAD Update
Chris is compiling individual e-mail and messages of interest into on combined update that is sent out once a week or however often is needed. It's hoped that will help cut down on the number of e-mails people get. If anyone has something of interest for the group you can send it to chris.gilbert@redcross.org.
- Registration for 2013 VOAD Conference now open
Registration for the 2013 National VOAD Conference now open – if interested go to National VOAD web site – please let Steve Cain or Chris know if you do register so that they can put an Indiana contingency together.

Other business

- Chris reported on the Indiana drought from a story out of Evansville News
 - 2012 crop insurance payouts for Indiana have reached \$1 billion.
 - Payouts for corn, soybeans and wheat nearly double the 2008 record of \$522 million.
 - Amount will likely grown in coming weeks as final claims worked out. Insurance payouts primary reason Indiana's farm sector include hasn't collapsed under drought losses.
 - Corn yields 40% below normal for 2012.
 - 75% of Indiana crop land insured last year. Farmers wanting insurance for 2013 must sign up by Friday (3/15).

Respectfully submitted

Jane Crady

(Sitting in for Abby Hostetler, Secretary)

Next meeting is on April 11, 2013 at the American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis.