

# Indiana VOAD

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April 9, 2015 – 1pm Eastern – The Salvation Army EDS Training Facility

## Attendees:

Chris Gilbert - ISDH

Briana Husband - IDHS

Joe Wainscott – American Red Cross

Brent Reed - LDS

Abby Hostetler – Purdue Extension

Steve Cain – Purdue Extension

Bert Williams – Salvation Army

Dave Powell - UMCOR

Leah Cody – ICART

Lou Weiss – Neshama

Eldon Studer – Friends Disaster Service

## Minutes:

Chris Gilbert, Indiana VOAD President, called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. Introductions immediately followed.

Bert Williams, Indiana VOAD Treasurer, reported that the INVOAD account holds \$561.95.

## Recent Storm Updates:

- Warrick County had some trees down, but local Extension Educators have said it can be handled locally.
- Davies and Vanderburgh counties reported that there were a few trees downed, but cleanup could be handled locally.
- American Red Cross teams are out doing damage assessments.

## Long Term Recovery Updates:

- Steve Cain reported his client's home in Jay County is almost completed. Jane Crady and Jim Byerly are still working with a few more clients in Jay County.

## COAD Updates:

- Abby Hostetler reported that the Allen County COAD has had a change of leadership, the former chair had to step down due to change in job and an impending move out of state. Amy-Jo Sites is the new chair.
- Abby also reported that District 2 is forming a COAD and holding a member callout next week.
- Steve Cain reported that Jay County is starting a COAD.
- The Indiana Association of Community Economic Development is doing a blog post on our COAD Development Training Series

**IDHS:**

Briana reported that she and Larry have started teaching Damage Assessment classes. If any local EMAs are interested just contact Breanne or Larry.

**American Red Cross:**

Joe Wainscott shared the new disasterready.org training materials available at no-cost for aid workers and volunteers.

Joe also discussed the 5-year Fire Prevention Campaign. The program focuses to reduce the loss of life due to fire by at least 25%. If you know of anyone interested in assisting with the program, let Joe know. So far, there are 7 documented lives saved since October due to the program's installation of smoke detectors.

**The Salvation Army:**

Bert Williams reported that they are holding trainings in the coming weeks. Information can be [www.disaster.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.disaster.salvationarmyusa.org).

**Friends Disaster Service:**

Eldon Studer reported that he plans to take some volunteers to Dunkirk on April 20.

**ISDH:**

Chris Gilbert reported that ISDH is actively working in Scott County. In March, Gov. Pence declared a Public Health Emergency in Scott County due to the rapid rise in HIV cases.

**National VOAD Update:**

- Steve Cain reported that there will be a Crisis Communication Webinar on April 28, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern. Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1984437433904628226>.
- Steve also reported that the Training Taskforce has created a training database. If you know of a training that should/could be promoted in the database, let Steve know so it can be included.
- Jane Crady reported that the Long Term Recovery Group is beginning to look at creating guidelines for repairing rental properties and working with clients that live in rental properties.

**Other:**

Mike Schantz has resigned from the Shelby County EMA office, his last day is April 10. He will be working the Greensburg Fire Department.

Jane, Abby, and Steve will be teaching in the next training for the COAD Development Series on April 22 (in Rochester at the Fulton County Fairgrounds) and April 23 (in Seymour at the Community Foundation). This training is Supercharge Your COAD and will focus on creating a one-year plan for existing COADs.

Steve Cain will be teaching a Volunteer Management course at the Porter County EMA Office on April 27.

Chris Gilbert reported that Serve Indiana has contacted the INVOAD about filling an empty slot on their overseeing commission. Abby Hostetler and Jane Crady submitted information to be considered by the Governor for appointment to the committee.

The Governance Committee will be holding a teleconference this month, look for an email update if you volunteered to serve on that committee.

The next VOAD conference call is May 13.

The next VOAD meeting is June 11 at The Salvation Army EDS Training Facility at 4020 Georgetown Rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.