

# Indiana VOAD

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October 9, 2014 – 1pm – Salvation Army EDC, 4020 Georgetown Rd, Indianapolis

## Attendees:

Chris Gilbert - ISDH

Scott Tibbetts – American Red Cross

Joe Wainscott – American Red Cross

Brent Reed – LDS Emergency Response

Eldon Studer – Friends Disaster Service

John Tracey – Feed the Children

Amanda Billman - ISDH

Bert Williams – The Salvation Army

Larry Cassagne – IDHS

Brent Dowell – Gleaners Food Bank

Nina Evans – Bretheran Disaster Services

Abby Hostetler – Purdue Extension

Bob LaGrange – ARRS

Jane Crady – Catholic Charities

Steve Cain – Purdue Extension

Leah Cody - ICART

## Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 1:04pm.

Bert reported that the Treasurer's account holds \$561.95; \$19.75 in our regular account and \$542.20 from the conference expenditures account.

## Disaster Updates:

- Fall 2013 Tornadoes
  - Davies County
    - SBA application deadline is October 31, 2014
    - The LTRC will stop accepting new clients on October 31, 2014
- August 2014 Floods
  - Jay County
    - Jim Byerly is working in the area
    - The area has not setup a long term recovery committee; Jane and Steve did go and discuss with interested individuals about how an LTRC is formed
    - 8-10 homes needing assistance
    - **Report Submitted Electronically by Jim Byerly, UMCOR**

1 home to tear down and totally rebuild. Excavator is hired and will do the tear down and disposal of Hazardous Materials (Asbestos shingle siding). Gathering information and plans for rebuild. Tear down will start hopefully next week.

1 home with a collapsed basement foundation wall to be looked at will probably be condemned,

May need assistance relocating a father and daughter. Asbestos-Tar Shingled siding, will have to hire Excavator to tear it down.

There are 2 local HVAC contractors who I am hoping to get to do the work that needs to be done in several homes (still following up on this, but looks like 6 homes that need new duct work, 3 of which need new AC system also). 1 new system has been totally funded for a family of 4 with some health problems. That work begins next week.

At this point, the homes that have not been sprayed, are going to be bombed rather than sprayed.

2 homes have been mucked out and will need to be rebuilt inside. 1 is a ranch style home w/3 bedrooms and 1 bath and a 1 1/2 car garage. Needs 4' of wall board throughout whole house as well as all new floor covering, cabinets and some fixtures. Only appliance needed looks to be the dishwasher.

Owner is single mom with 2 kids in elementary school. The second is a garage that has been made into a home. (No estimate on cost of Ranch style home. Garage home is estimated at \$14,000.00 to complete).

I have a volunteer team to complete the garage home, but need volunteers to help box up and move out household into storage container. I have requests for those volunteers out to 2 different groups. This is will be first come first do!!!

This next week I will be firming up housing for volunteers. I may be bringing in a shower trailer to a local church where teams will be able to stay Sunday night through Saturday. Volunteers will need to bring their own air mattresses (etc.). There is still the possibility of using the AOG campground near Hartford City, but they will soon be winterizing their cottages and not be available (early November).

I do not have an LTRG or Case Manager. Presently, I am handling the Case Management, making the 2 hour drive every Tuesday for the day, and returning call from home.

Personal Timeline on the above is to begin the reconstruction in 2 weeks.

I may have volunteers for the two rebuilds, but only 1 is confirmed. So if you have skilled volunteers for dry walling, painting, flooring and cabinet work; please get with me.

I will also need volunteers to help with the 1 home to be built from the ground up. Goal is to start the third week of this month. A construction supervisor, Permits and plans still need to be finalized.

Steve has been working with Larry at the Extension office in Jay County and is trying to get some people to come together as the LTRG. Steve may be able to share more information about this.

- Clinton County
  - One case where the foundation was washed out of his house
  - Home Depot donated \$800 to help buy supplies for the repair
  - Catholic Charities is assisting with the repairs
- Blackford County and Grant County
  - Long Term Recovery Committee has been formed
  - Roughly 6 homes needing assistance
- Porter County
  - Less than half a dozen homes affected
  - No unmet needs
- New FEMA Numbers
  - \$42,900 up from \$42,400
  - \$1.41 x the population of the state of Indiana (public assistance)
  - \$3.56 x the population of the county (county declared)

#### Agency/Organizations Updates:

- Purdue Extension
  - Steve shared with everyone the First Steps to Flood Recovery publication. If an organization needs/wants any copies of the pub contact either Steve ([cain@purdue.edu](mailto:cain@purdue.edu)) or Abby ([alillpop@purdue.edu](mailto:alillpop@purdue.edu))
  - First Steps to Flood Recovery (online version):  
<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/floodpub/>
- Catholic Charities
  - Jane reported the CC is working with all of the counties that were affected by the floods in August as well those still recovering from the fall tornados
- **Amateur Radio Emergency Service**
  - Bob is now representing ARRS
  - He shared a handout that explains the organization; the handout can be found at the end of the minutes
- Brethren Disaster Service
  - Nina shared that the national headquarters is actively seeking where the organization can be the most beneficial and help serve
- IDHS
  - New program is being released by FEMA – Disaster Survivor Assistance
- ICART
  - Nina reported that ICART held a training with over 30 attendees; another training will be held in the spring

- Feed the Children
  - Seeking food sources to help 300 families around the upcoming holidays
- Friends Disaster Service
  - Working to get teams together to assist in the counties recovering from floods
- American Red Cross
  - Working to align the American Red Cross regions with the state lines
    - 3 counties will stay with the Cincinnati office
    - 4 counties will stay with the Louisville office
      - Michigan will also be condensing from 3 regions to 1
      - Kentucky will be condensing to 1 region
      - Ohio will be condensing from 4 regions to 3
  - Home Fire Safety program
    - Building coalitions to promote home fire safety preparedness
    - Goal is to reduce home fire deaths by 25% (nationally and statewide)
- Indiana State Department of Health
  - Chris reported that he started his position with ISDH about a month ago
  - Working on a program to train medical staff on Ebola
    - Only one confirmed case in the United States
- Other Updates
  - USDA
    - USDA Has finally created a program that recognizes the loss of livestock

### **Indiana VOAD Business:**

- COAD Development Training
  - Held the first round of trainings September 24 and 25
  - Discussed different levels of trainings (document can be found at the end of these minutes)
  - Jane presented on how a COAD would form a Long Term Recovery Committee
  - Ideally these trainings will be held quarterly; future topics may include volunteer reception centers, case management, etc.
- Meeting location
  - The American Red Cross building is currently under construction and not available to host meetings

- Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, and Gleaners have all offered to host meetings in the future

**Educational Moments:**

- ICS 100 Training
  - Nancy Morris, IDHS, will teach the course
  - December 11 from 8:00am-12:00pm at the Salvation Army

Meeting adjourned at 2:04pm.

# Amateur Radio...

## *Serving Your Community*



Events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fund-raisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums — these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities.

Amateur Radio people (also called “hams”) are well known for our communications support in disaster and post-disaster situations. But did you know we also provide communication services to the public during special events?

### **How Amateur Radio Works With Event Sponsors and Public Safety Officials**

We’re called “amateurs” because we are not paid. Our services are provided at no charge. Like amateur sports, we do it for the love of it! We may be called “amateurs,” but our communications services are professional.

Amateurs and their equipment can interface with both public safety efforts and event organizers.

Our equipment can be made operational quickly inside a building, in a mobile command post or out in field units.

Hams are trained, organized volunteers willing to meet the communications needs of the event sponsor.

Police and fire radios are for tactical or operational traffic in emergencies. Amateur Radio offers administrative radio communications options for use in your overall management and coordination of the event.

Hams have a readiness to receive specific training for your individual event.

You have instant communications from the starting line to the finish line, the official’s area, net control, water stations, aid stations, medical facilities, sag wagons, floats, grandstands, parking areas, review stands and medical command facilities.

Once the necessary introductions have been made, the rest is easy because Amateur Radio people are indeed the experts in meeting communications requirements of every sort. This is what we love to do!



Our radio messages can go to just one location at your event, or event-wide, instantly. Hams can even track the locations of multiple mobile units in real time and display them on a map.

**It's symbiotic.  
You need us,  
and we want  
to help.**



## What's Needed for Event Communications?

- The event organizers want Amateur Radio help to be there.
- The event organizers and participating amateurs meet and agree on Amateur Radio's role in the operation.
- Everyone understands and endorses the operational plan.

You will want to place radio amateurs in a lot of different areas. This, of course, will depend on the specific nature of your event, but some places might be: mile markers, half-mile markers, the reviewing stands, start and finish lines, water and aid stations, sag wagons, parking areas, medical stations, event HQ, shadowing coordinators, message centers, floats, and scoring areas.

## Relationship to Event Organizers

All event officials should have a clear understanding of the operational plan that defines our role, what we can and cannot do. Amateurs are volunteer, experienced and trained communicators.

The communications plan is developed jointly between the organizers and the hams to meet the needs of the event. A post-event review aids in making the next event even better.

Participating Amateur Radio operators need to be identified by vest, badge or other easily recognizable item and given area access.

Liaison is always maintained with the event leadership to provide flexibility as situations change.

## What Do the Hams Get Out of It?

Besides the basic enjoyment in using our hobby and knowing we are serving our neighbors, we get practice!

No two special event operations are going to be the same. Your operational plan will depend on your own requirements and your resources. But hams are adaptive! They've been providing public service communications for a century in all sorts of situations.

**If you want a GREAT event,  
you need great communications.  
We can help.**



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