



## WHAT IS A COMMUNITY VOAD?

A Community Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) is an umbrella organization to bring together stakeholders active in disasters and interested in building better prepared and more resilient communities.

## WHAT DOES A VOAD DO?

VOAD's do not provide direct services. A VOAD provides a network based on coordination, communication, collaboration, and cooperation through which each organization can more effectively address their mission and service goals.

## WHO MAKES UP A VOAD?

VOAD brings together organizations from all sectors of the community: non-profit agencies, businesses, faith-based organizations, schools, and local government.

## VOAD in all Phases of Disaster

### MITIGATION

- Community education and preparedness campaigns

### PREPAREDNESS

- Volunteer , Donations, & other Plans
- Organizing and training volunteers
- Resource inventory of private, nonprofit, and faith organizations.

### RESPONSE

- Volunteer & Donations Management
- Shelter workers and Respite centers
- Volunteer generation
- Damage assessment/needs Identification
- Muck out, Clean-up crews
- Comprehensive situational awareness
- Individual assistance services.

### RECOVERY

- Long term recovery committee
- Case management
- Rebuilding
- Financial support

## Benefits of a Community VOAD

When a VOAD is organized effectively, both member organizations and the community at large reap the benefits.

These benefits include:

- Empowered Communities
- Expedited Local Response
- Improved Management of Volunteers and Donations
- Promotion of Emergency Education and Preparedness Resources for Facilitating Long Term Recovery
- Reducing Service Duplication
- Linkage with Georgia VOAD
- Ability to Work Productively with Emergency Management
- Organized Resources for Emergency Managers