

BLUEGRASS HEALTHCARE COALITION MEETING

JUNE 27TH, 2024

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Welcome & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentioned the addition of capturing mileage on the meeting sign-in. These “in-kind” contributions from our members are something we report. • Minutes approved without questions or comments – approval by Gene Thomas; 2nd by Barrett Schoeck 	
Montgomery Co. Adoption into BGHCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare referral patterns have patients within Montgomery Co. often coming into our region due to being a part of the St. Joseph system. They are also part of the NDMS system. For these reasons, the Executive Committee approved a plan to absorb those health and medical partners into our coalition and out of the East Healthcare Coalition. However, the LHDs will remain a part of the East region’s Brandon Stacy, RPC, oversight. • Motion approved by those in attendance. 	
Coalition App Development Continues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JT demo’d the BGHCC app as it stands currently. More changes may come, but much of the functions we wanted to use and have access to are available. The Executive Committee will pilot the app first as we slowly roll this out and then we will begin the process of on-boarding other members. Enrollment will be optional and will require email or phone association with an app member account. 	
HPP Notice of Funding (NOFO) – Next 5 Year Cycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finally received our NOFO for HPP funding. Some of the focus and emphasis outlined in the agreement for the upcoming 5-year cycle include things like Cybersecurity, Extended Downtime Support (not just COOP, but any kind of downtime event like water outage, power outage, etc.), and Recovery Planning within our region. • They also changed some wording regarding core partnerships and no longer specify “hospitals” but rather use “healthcare partners”. This includes all of the agencies we currently consider our core partners, but it also includes the other ancillary agencies that are also part of our coalition like dialysis, behavioral health, clinical services, and others. 	
Bill Eckler – KYEM Volunteer Services Coordinator	<p>***See Bill’s presentation attached below***</p>	
Trainings & Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICS 400 – July 22nd & 23rd • NDMS Full-Scale Exercise – June 28th (bed reporting request to be sent out) • Norton-PPN Pediatric Surge VTTX – July 16th @ UK • Senior Officials Workshop for All-Hazards Preparedness – July 18th 8:00am-4:00pm @ Woodford Co. KCTCS • Triage Tuesday dates – July 2nd, Aug. 6th, Sept. 3rd, Oct. 1st, Nov. 5th, Dec. 3rd. • ALICE Training (Active Shooter) – reach out to Dave or Rebecca to schedule. 	

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Senior Living Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting on July 9th @ Sayre Christian Village in Lexington, 9:00am-10:30am 	
RPC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrapping up end-of-FY deliverables regarding. Vicki and Rebecca will be reviewing what has been uploaded to make sure it's been reported up to the State to satisfy the federal funding grant. In July, LHDs will be meeting to discuss the new deliverables and begin outlining their 5-year plans. 	
MRC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 130 volunteers now, though the fully credentialed total is about 30. Working to increase both the total volunteers and assist them with the process of becoming fully credentialed. Had an inaugural volunteer summit which went very well and was well-received by volunteer attendees. Already beginning to plan for next year's summit. Working with local EMs and civic groups to incorporate MRC volunteers into emergency and disaster processes, like volunteer, donations, and personal property management. Partnering again with HOSA students to improve volunteer recruitment which is being incentivized with prizes like emergency supply backpacks. 	
NDMS Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have completed TTXs in advance of the NDMS full-scale exercise at BG Airport. Also had a site visit with participants out at the airport to familiarize everyone to where things will be located and how to exercise will progress day-of. Expecting to surge ~35 patients and will simulate patient reception, treatment, and disposition to hospitals. Reminder given about the bed reporting exercise on July 11th. 	
Epi Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bluegrass – Continuing to monitor COVID cases within the region, but pertussis has become a greater concern more recently, especially in younger individuals. Lexington-Fayette – Still monitoring flu, but with virtually no cases happening now, flu season is thankfully over; Seeing an uptick in Legionella cases, though these cases have been unrelated at this time. We often see an increase in cases around this time of year due to warming temperatures and water-related activities, both recreational and at home (air conditioners and hoses/misters/sprinklers). Also have a possible hospital-acquired case from a UK patient; Lyme disease increase – be careful while being active outside and look for ticks; had a rabid skunk in the region that did bite an animal control officer. This individual did have prophylactic vaccination due to their line of work, but recommendations are to still receive treatment following an exposure; monitoring a pertussis outbreak mostly involving 36 middle-to-high school aged children who have actually already been vaccinated, which is concerning and also delays confirmation of a 	

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	<p>pertussis diagnosis because it's assumed they wouldn't have it due to being vaccinated. One particularly complicated case involved a family member of a confirmed individual with pertussis who had taken a trip to France and required treatment before she would be allowed to re-enter the US upon return.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital – 6 cases of pertussis currently, all of which are fully vaccinated high school students. It's clear this outbreak is widespread within our overall Bluegrass region; COVID reporting requirements will be ending on June 30th. Data can still be requested, but there will no longer be investigations occurring unless they are pregnant or pediatric, or within LTCs; Also have a few cases of Salmonella which highlights the importance of being careful now that it's cruise ship season. 	
Next Coalition Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 22nd @ Eastside Public Library in Lexington 	

ATTENDEES

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Darren Wilkerson	Christopher Kitchens	Tara Long	Hollie Sands	Amanda Coomer	Michael Hennigan
Rico Sanchez	Harold Rhodus	Darcy Maupin	Sharon Berry	Ashley Powell	Mia Williams
Matthew Simpson	Clarence Haddix	Michael Fielden	Mary Rose Bauer	Kim Thieneman	John Townes
Merl Baldwin	Cathy Akins	Shaun Caldwell	Terri Schoebel	Terri Sheehan	Elliot House
Joey Howard	Carl Hinson	Edward Crews	Lindsay Ames	Rudrani Ghosh	Rebecca Lynn
Jacob Cook	Kim Yazell	Dave Carney	Jenny Bardroff	Sandy Darling	Vicki Sanderson
Barrett Schoeck	Bethely Morton	Stacy Blacketer	Tonya Watkins	Hollie Sands	Ralph McCracken
Gene Thomas	JT Moore				

BILL ECKLER

KYEM VOLUNTEER SERVICES/ORGANIZATION COORDINATOR



WHEN THE CALL COMES IN.....



Kentucky Emergency Management State Emergency Operations Center
Located at 100 Minuteman Parkway, Boone National Guard Center, Frankfort KY.

INSIDE THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER



FIRST ALERT WEATHER

KENTUCKY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPARES FOR STORMS



11:03 | 60°

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER ACTIVATION LEVELS

The SEOC is activated based on the level of operational schemes as listed below. SEOC activation does not need to be sequential. Further details on SEOC activations are outlined in the SEOC Activation Guide.



LEVEL 5 NORMAL OPERATIONS

Level 5 is the normal, day-to-day State Warning Point (SWP) duty status.

LEVEL 4 - MODIFIED - VIRTUAL MONITORING

This is for an incident or event and will require a higher management level than just the Duty Officer (DO) and Manager on Call (MOC) but does not require onsite SEOC personnel. KYEM, Emergency Support Functions (ESF), and the Kentucky National Guard (KYNG) monitor the situation virtually through WebEOC.

LEVEL 3 - PARTIAL ACTIVATION

This level requires immediate activation of the SEOC structure to manage multiple resources over an extended period to meet the significant needs of local first responders and emergency management agencies. This requires the activation of select ESF representatives.

LEVEL 2 - FULL ACTIVATION WITH ALL STATE PARTNERS

This level of incident or event requires all actions taken under a Level 3 plus activation of all the SEOC structure, including all ESF partners. Resources are drawn from multiple regional assets across the Commonwealth and could include introducing a federal resource. The incident is of an extended duration.

LEVEL 1 - FULL ACTIVATION WITH FEDERAL PARTNERS

Level 1 activations are considered catastrophic incidents. These incidents are expected to have a high impact on the Commonwealth and are expected to require the full activation of all local, county, and state assets and the full integration of the SEOC with all required federal resources. This incident could span multiple days, weeks, or months.

KENTUCKY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS (ESFS)

<p>1 TRANSPORTATION</p> <p>Coordinates the movement of people, goods, and services during an emergency. This includes providing support for evacuations and ensuring the availability of transportation resources.</p>		<p>2 COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>Ensures that effective and efficient communications systems are in place to support response and recovery efforts. This includes providing interoperable communication capabilities across various agencies and jurisdictions.</p>		<p>3 PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING</p> <p>Provides support for infrastructure restoration and repair. This includes activities such as debris removal, restoration of utilities, and ensuring safe and functional public facilities.</p>	
<p>4 FIREFIGHTING</p> <p>Coordinates and provides resources and personnel for fire suppression efforts. This includes both wildland and structural firefighting.</p>		<p>5 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT /INFORMATION & PLANNING</p> <p>Coordinates the overall federal response efforts and provides support in areas such as situation assessment, resource management, and coordination with other agencies and organizations.</p>		<p>6 MASS CARE, EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, TEMP. HOUSING, & HUMAN SERVICES</p> <p>Addresses the needs of affected individuals and communities by providing shelter, food, medical care, & other essential services. This ESF also supports long-term recovery efforts.</p>	
<p>7 LOGISTICS</p> <p>Manages the procurement, transportation, distribution, and tracking of resources and supplies needed for response and recovery operations.</p>		<p>8 PUBLIC HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES</p> <p>Provides support for public health and medical services, including medical care, disease prevention, and coordination with healthcare facilities and organizations.</p>		<p>9 SEARCH & RESCUE</p> <p>Coordinates search & and rescue efforts to locate and assist individuals in distress, including urban search and rescue, technical rescue, and waterborne search and rescue.</p>	
<p>10 OIL & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE</p> <p>Addresses incidents involving oil and hazardous materials, including cleanup and containment efforts to protect public health and the environment.</p>		<p>11 AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES</p> <p>Supports response and recovery efforts related to agriculture, food safety, and natural resources. This includes activities like food distribution and ensuring the safety of agricultural products.</p>		<p>12 ENERGY</p> <p>Coordinates efforts to ensure the continuity of energy supplies and services during and after an emergency. This includes electricity, natural gas, and other forms of energy.</p>	
<p>13 PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY</p> <p>Enhances public safety and security through law enforcement and other activities. This ESF supports efforts to maintain order, protect critical infrastructure, and ensure public safety.</p>		<p>14 CROSS-SECTOR BUSINESS & INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <p>Supports the coordination of cross-sector operations, including stabilization of key supply chains and community lifelines, among infrastructure owners and operators, businesses, and their government partners.</p>		<p>15 PUBLIC AFFAIRS</p> <p>Manages communication and coordination with external partners, stakeholders, and the public, including media relations and community outreach.</p>	
<p>16 RECOVERY</p> <p>The recovery team will use pre-established strategies and early identification of disaster severity to implement recovery plans. They will use this data to recommend declarations to the leadership.</p>		<p>17 CYBER SECURITY</p> <p>COMING SOON!</p>		<p>MILITARY SUPPORT</p> <p>The military provides personnel, resources, and logistical support in emergencies to enhance the capabilities of other ESF partners, including Logistics, Supply Search & Rescue, Evacuations, and Security.</p>	



ESFs (Emergency Support Functions) coordinate response efforts for emergencies or disasters that exceed the capacity of local resources.

ACTIVATED SEOC WITH ESFs



STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER



- CONSTANTLY RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM SCENE
- CONSTANTLY GIVING OUT INFORMATION TO ALL INVOLVED
- CONSTANTLY WORKING TO GET NEEDED PERSONNEL, MATERIALS, ETC. TO THE SCENE
- CONSTANTLY WORKING WITH EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS TO ACHIEVE POSITIVITY IN THE CHAOS OF A DISASTER
- EACH SUPPORT FUNCTION WILL KEEP THEIR PEOPLE “BOOTS ON THE GROUND” UPDATED, AS THEY WILL KEEP SEOC UPDATED FROM THE SCENE



THROUGH IT ALL, **VOAD** PLAYS A VERY IMPORTANT
PART OF ANY DISASTER



WHAT IS VOAD

VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE in DISASTER

- THEY ARE LOCAL, STATE WIDE, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GROUPS ASSISTING OTHERS WHEN HELP IS NEEDED
- KY-VOAD IS THE HUB OR UMBRELLA OF THE AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS HERE IN KY AND IS CHAIRED BY JIM GARRETT. SOME KY VOAD GROUPS ARE:
 - PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE, AMERICAN RED CROSS, KY SOUTHERN BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF, SALVATION ARMY, CHRISTIAN APPALACHIAN PROJECT, APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT KENTUCKY COLONELS, CATHOLIC CHARITIES, GODS FOOD PANTRY, UNITED WAY OF KENTUCKY.
- SOME NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL VOAD GROUPS:
 - TEAM RUBICON, SAMARITANS PURSE, CAJUN NAVY, ISLAMIC RELIEF US, GOOD 360, BUDDHIST TZU CHI FOUNDATION, CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, AMERICAN RED CROSS, SALVATION ARMY, SOUTHERN BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF,
 - JUST NAMING A FEW.



WHAT I DO.....

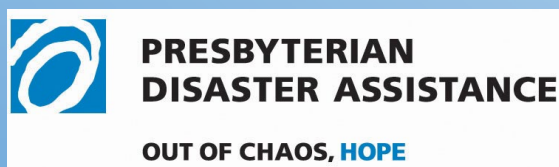
I CONNECT VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS WHERE THEY ARE MOST NEEDED AFTER STORMS AND DISASTERS



WHAT I DO.....

I WORK WITH CHURCH GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS, TO HELP START OR FORM **VOAD** GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS

(VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE in DISASTER)





- REVEREND RALPH W. BEITING, A CATHOLIC PRIEST FROM **NORTHERN KENTUCKY**, WAS ASSIGNED TO PASTOR A LARGE PORTION OF **EAST-CENTRAL KENTUCKY**. THROUGH HIS OUTREACH, HE WITNESSED TREMENDOUS POVERTY IN APPALACHIA. HE SAW CHILDREN WEAK FROM HUNGER, FAMILIES BEATEN DOWN BY HARDSHIP, SENIORS LIVING IN FEAR AND ISOLATION, AND COMMUNITIES DESPERATE FOR HOPE.
- WITH THE HELP OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS, HE PROVIDED FOOD, CLOTHING, AND OTHER ESSENTIALS TO NEIGHBORS IN NEED. WHAT STARTED SMALL QUICKLY GREW, AND **CHRISTIAN APPALACHIAN PROJECT WAS FOUNDED IN 1964.**





- CAP NOW TOUCHES THE LIVES OF MORE THAN 1 MILLION PEOPLE EACH YEAR. BY WORKING WITH OTHER LOCAL FOOD BANKS AND HUMANITARIAN SERVICE PROVIDERS, THEIR REACH EXTENDS TO PARTS OF ALL 13 STATES OF THE APPALACHIAN REGION, INCLUDING KENTUCKY, ALABAMA, GEORGIA, MARYLAND, MISSISSIPPI, NEW YORK, NORTH CAROLINA, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, VIRGINIA, AND WEST VIRGINIA.



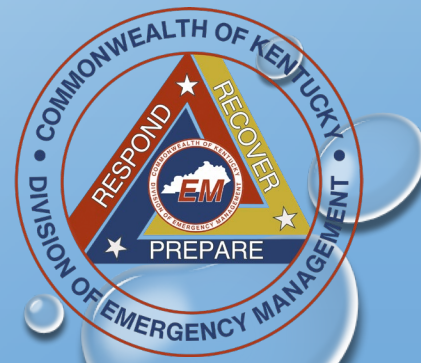


- IN 1969, REV. GLENN “TEX” EVANS – A UNITED METHODIST MINISTER – BECAME ONE OF THE FIRST PEOPLE TO CONNECT THE ENERGY OF YOUTH WITH THE DEEP NEEDS OF THE POOR.
- DURING TEX’S 13 YEARS AS DIRECTOR AT HENDERSON SETTLEMENT IN FRAKES, KENTUCKY, HE WITNESSED THE GREAT NEED FOR HOME REPAIR ASSISTANCE. SO AS PART OF HIS ALREADY-THRIVING OUTREACH TO THE PEOPLE OF APPALACHIA, HE RECRUITED 50 TEENS AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO REPAIR HOMES IN BARBOURVILLE, KENTUCKY.



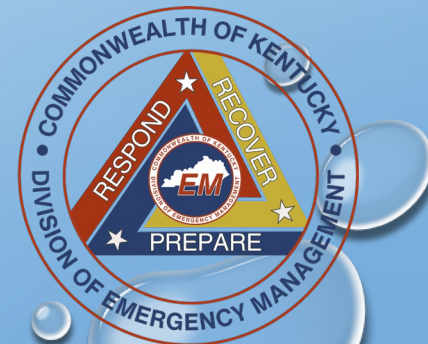


- **MORE THAN 50 YEARS OF SERVICE:**
- SINCE 1969, MORE THAN 440,000 VOLUNTEERS FROM ACROSS THE NATION HAVE REPAIRED MORE THAN 19,000 HOMES AND, IN THE PROCESS, APPALACHIAN FAMILIES, VOLUNTEERS, AND STAFF HAVE BEEN IMMEASURABLY BLESSED.
- TODAY, WITH THE HELP OF MORE THAN 15,000 VOLUNTEERS EACH YEAR, OUR GOAL REMAINS TO MAKE HOMES WARMER, SAFER AND DRIER FOR FAMILIES IN NEED.
- HOME OFFICE IS NOW IN JOHNSON CITY TENNESSEE.



(VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE in DISASTER)

- I ENCOURAGE GROUPS TO JOIN “KY VOAD”, IT HELPS US TO KNOW
 1. HOW MANY ORGANIZATIONS WE HAVE IN THE COMMONWEALTH
 2. THEIR AREA OF EXPERTISE
 3. IT HELPS VET THEM AS A LEGITIMATE VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED BY KY-VOAD AS WELL AS KYEM



WHY JOIN KY-VOAD

- **A MEMBERSHIP IN KENTUCKY VOAD CAN OFFER SEVERAL BENEFITS, BOTH TO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY EFFORTS.**
- **BELOW ARE SOME BENEFITS OF A KENTUCKY VOAD MEMBERSHIP:**
- **ACCESS TO RESOURCES, TRAINING, AND OTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**
 - KENTUCKY VOAD OFFERS ITS MEMBERSHIP A WIDE ARRAY OF RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS.
- **COMMITTEES/TASK FORCES**
 - MEMBERS AND PARTNERS GATHER AROUND TOPICAL ISSUES AND PROGRAMMATIC ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE DISASTER CYCLE AND TO FURTHER CREATE A CLIMATE FOR COOPERATION.
- **INCIDENT RESPONSE AND RECOVERY COORDINATION**
 - IN SUPPORT OF OUR MEMBER'S WORK TO RESPOND TO A DISASTER OR HELP A COMMUNITY RECOVER, WE HELP COORDINATE AND FACILITATE COMMUNICATION AND ACTIONS AMONG MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.
- **PEER TO PEER NETWORKING**
 - KENTUCKY VOAD OFFERS ITS MEMBERS NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE AND DISCUSS BEST PRACTICES AND PARTNER ON COMMON ISSUES WITH COADS AND REGIONAL VOADS.





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JIM GARRETT - CHAIR OF "KY VOAD"

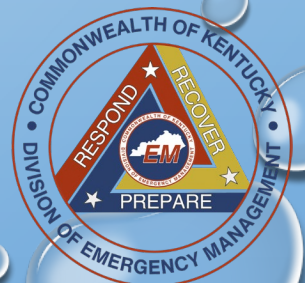
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REMEMBER **VOAD** IS
LOCAL, STATE, NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER
ORGANIZATIONS WILLING TO HELP WHEN DISASTERS STRIKE

- **KY-VOAD** - THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE **“SIGNED UP MEMBERS”** WITH **KY-VOAD** WILLING TO HELP OTHERS IN THE TIME OF NEED
- YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR STATE, YOUR NATION
- ALL DISASTERS START AND END AT THE LOCAL LEVEL



Bill Eckler



- I ALSO,
- TEACH CLASSES
 - SUCH AS 

Local Volunteer and Donations Management

Student Manual
G288

Federal Emergency Management Agency
Emergency Management Institute



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- [HTTPS://KYEM.KY.GOV/TRAINING](https://kyem.ky.gov/training)
- [KYEM.GOV](https://kyem.gov)
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KYEM Training and Exercise Program

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Training listed by KYEM Area

- ICS Only Training
- HazMat Only Training
- CSEPP Only Training
- SAR Only Training

Below are all trainings listed by month.

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- Recovery Branch Map and Directions
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Volunteer Coordination



Kentucky is one of only a few states, nationwide, which employs a full-time Volunteer Coordinator. It is the responsibility of the Program Coordinator to ensure that unmet disaster needs are identified and met.

Unlike other disaster programs managed by KYEM, the Volunteer Coordination Program can be activated for events which do not receive a presidential declaration.

Major activities of this program include:

- Disaster Assistance
- Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOADs)
- Long Term Recovery Committees
- Donation Management

Disaster Assistance Often times, citizens have recovery needs that are not covered by local, state, or federal programs. The KYEM Volunteer Coordinator can assist by locating volunteers and organizations that can provide assistance such as debris clearance, sandbagging, home muck outs, minor home repairs, etc. It is imperative that citizens report unmet needs. Citizens should call the county emergency director's office or help line (if their community has a designated help line). County directors or local VOADs are responsible for contacting the KYEM Volunteer Coordinator with requests for volunteer assistance.

Kentucky Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters -The purpose of this organization is to bring together voluntary organizations to foster more effective service to the people of Kentucky affected by disaster through:

- Communication
- Coordination
- Cooperation



Volunteer Coordinator

Bill Eckler

Please note:

Storm-damaged communities do not need goods at this time. Cash donations are strongly encouraged to a charitable organization of your choice.

Links

[URL](#)

[FEMA Disaster Assistance](#)

[FEMA Donations or Volunteering \(Helping Others\)](#)

[National Donations Management Network](#)

[National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster \(NVOAD\)](#)

REMEMBER



- MY OFFICIAL TITLE IS THE
- STATE PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR KENTUCKY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- FEMA REFERS TO ME AS THE STATE VAL – VOLUNTARY AGENCY LIAISON
- I AM NOT VOAD OR KY-VOAD, I WORK WITH THOSE VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS ALL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO PREPARE FOR DISASTER AND RECOVERY IN THE COMMONWEALTH



KENTUCKY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
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