



## Spokane Community Organizations Active in Disasters: Meeting Minutes

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### COAD Vision Statement

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*To create a community resilient from disasters.*

### COAD Mission Statement

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*Be prepared by bringing together community partners and individuals to foster greater community resiliency within Spokane County through: Cooperation, Coordination, Collaboration and Communications. Spokane COAD is a coordinating organization and will not assume direct operational responsibility in any disaster situation.*

**Meeting Date: February 5, 2019**

Spokane Salvation Army

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**Call to Order:**

**0900**

**Introductions:**

**Leonard Westermeyer**

### Presentations:

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**Charles Henson, Spokane Salvation Army – Salvation Army Introduction**

**Chris Jaklitsch, Spokane Veterans Hospital - Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) Process**

### Hot Topics & Agency Updates:

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#### **Agency Updates:**

##### **Greater Spokane Emergency Management (GSEM):**

- EMAP, the voluntary standards, assessment, and accreditation process for disaster preparedness programs throughout the country, fosters excellence and accountability in emergency management and homeland security programs, by establishing credible standards applied in a peer review accreditation process. EMAP was created by a group of national organizations to foster continuous improvement in emergency management capabilities. It provides emergency management programs the opportunity to be recognized for compliance with industry standards, to demonstrate accountability, and to focus attention on areas and issues where resources are needed

##### **HEART Emergency Animal Response:**

- HEART deployed to both natural-structural disasters and currently only trained for US based disasters and are revising protocols and procedures for other response efforts

##### **Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC):**

- [Next Meeting](#) – March 20, 2019. 9:00 – 10:00AM (Seeking new meeting location) no meeting location confirmed

#### **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC):**

- Considering the warming centers, RNs and PAs from the MRC are intaking and fielding calls for appropriateness on where to go
- Current assessment taking place on all warming centers to look at spacing for those who are sick
- Reported 2/4/2019: Clark County activated their state level emergency plan in response to the measles outbreak
- If interested in learning more about the Good to Go project and how your agency and clients may be able to benefit from this project, please contact [Summer Warfield](#)
- The MRC can hold first-aid trainings at your workplace with certification – please contact [Summer Warfield](#) if your agency would like training & certification

#### **National Weather Service:**

- The National Weather Service is open to conducting more tabletop exercises and winter weather workshops going into Spring
- Cold weather will remain for the upcoming weeks and will stay below average

#### **Red Cross:**

- New number for authorities to better address requests after a disaster and for when authorities are making a request for assistance
- Recently deployed to North Davenport, Republic wildfires, California wildfires, and East Coast hurricanes

#### **Spokane Humane Society:**

- The Humane Society received 67 dogs from 3 kill shelters in Arizona & Texas due to inadequate handling of dogs in the Southern states that would otherwise require those animals to be euthanized

#### **Spokane Salvation Army:**

- New warming center location with bed capacity of 120 – 213 East Ermina Avenue, Spokane, WA 99207

#### **Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD):**

- [Measles Outbreak](#) (Western WA/OR as of 2/4/19)
  - 49 confirmed cases in Clark County
  - 1 confirmed case in Clark County
  - 1 confirmed case in Multnomah County (Oregon)

#### **Veterans Community Response (VCR):**

- VCR is looking to expand capabilities and are seeking training opportunities to help expand

#### **WSU College of Nursing:**

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- Please refer to the [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention \(CDC\)](#) for up-to-date information regarding the measles outbreak

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**NEXT MEETING**

***March 5, 2019 @ Spokane Salvation Army, 204 E. Indiana, Spokane, WA 99207***