



Spokane Community Organizations Active in Disasters: Meeting Minutes

COAD Vision Statement

To create a community resilient from disasters.

COAD Mission Statement

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: April 2, 2019

Spokane Salvation Army

Call to Order:

0900

Introductions:

Leonard Westermeyer

Presentations:

Janet Breuer, HOPE / Animal-Assisted Crisis Response

Nan Livingston, Humane Evacuation Animal Rescue Team (HEART)

Hot Topics & Agency Updates:

Agency Updates:

Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES – RACES):

- Spokane ARES – RACES was involved in the 2019 Bloomsday and provided radio communications for Bloomsday

Frontier Behavioral Health

- Working to update the behavior health disaster plan – no other information reported

HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response:

- HOPE's mission is to provide comfort and encouragement through animal-assisted support to individuals affected by crises and disasters; HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response is a national all-volunteer, non-profit, crisis response organization with specially trained handlers (psychological first aid, incident command, etc.) and canines trained and tested for crisis response work
- [Please click here](#) for the HOPE AACR, April 2 speech

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC):

- Next Meeting – May 15, 9:00 am | AVISTA's Nine Mile Falls

National Weather Service:

- In-land snow melted slowly resulting in minimal flooding
- **Weather Outlook** – Mid April below average temperatures with above average temperatures going forward; extreme above average precipitations; Implicates a good or bad fire season

Red Cross:

- New Disaster Program Manager
- Continuing *Music for Memories* program at the Veteran's Retirement Home; iPods, personal speakers, and playlist have been used by several residents and an evaluation tool, MIDAS is being used to determine the outcome
- For the month of March, the Red Cross Spokane Chapter responded to 14 dwelling fires and assisted a total of 39 adults and 9 children

Spokane C.O.P.S.:

- [New Paws on Patrol program](#) – For more information, please stop by your neighborhood C.O.P.S. shop, go to www.spokanecops.org, or call (509) 625-3302

Spokane Salvation Army:

- Openings for transitional housing – For more information, [please click here](#)

Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD):

- **4/16/2019 Respiratory Illness Report:**
 - 458 Influenza hospitalizations within Spokane County this season (452 A, 6 B)
 - 172 Influenza deaths reported in Washington State for this season; 24 deaths have been reported in Spokane County (as of 4-6-2019)
 - Vaccination rates: hospitalizations – 32% (150/458), Deaths – 16% (as of 4/24/2019)
 - At this time last season, there was 603 hospitalizations and 39 deaths in Spokane County
- **Measles:**
 - Clark County Public Health reported a total of 73 confirmed Measles cases since Jan. 1, and the outbreak will be declared over after two incubation periods (42 days) with no new confirmed cases (last confirmed case was March)

VA Hospital:

- September Preparedness Fair - Please contact VA Hospital Emergency Manager [Chris Jaklitsch](#) for booth vendor information; additional information TBD in August

Washington State Guard:

- 2nd infantry brigade is increasing certified individuals for HAM radio operators;

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