



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: May 7, 2019

Spokane Salvation Army

Call to Order:

0900

Introductions:

Leonard Westermeyer

Presentations:

Dr. Chad Pritchard, Associate Professor of Geology EWU | [Volcano / Earthquake Hazards](#)

Hot Topics & Agency Updates:

Agency Updates:

Healthcare Coalition:

- Region 9 [May](#) Trainings; [June](#) Trainings

Greater Spokane Emergency Management:

- Started the process for the mitigation plan for Spokane County – [please click here for the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Update survey](#)
- In September there will be an inter-agency planning session; Pending further information

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
- LEPC is identifying all community wells to determine areas of concern for well hazards in Spokane County

National Weather Service:

- Reported that there is short-term dryness with long term over the cascades;
- May 23rd Spring & Summer Workshop – Whitworth University – [Click Here to register](#)

Red Cross:

- Responded to 2 apartment fires; 12 infants & 16 adults affected
- New Disaster Program Manager, Ari Dennison; & New North West Red Cross Director, Ryan Rodine

Spokane Salvation Army:

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

Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD):

- **Public Health**
 - Influenza season continues with 465 hospitalizations and 25 deaths in Spokane County
 - Been preparing for wildfire season and the impacts from smoke by participating in various statewide workgroups
 - Preparing consistent materials & messaging
 - Reviewing guidance documents for events and possible cut points for closures and cancellations
 - May 7, 5-8 p.m. at the Riverside Auditorium, the Regional Opioid Task Force will hold an event open to the public featuring Tony Hoffman, Olympic coach and world-ranked BMX racer and former opioid addict
- **Region 9 Healthcare Coalition:**
 - The emergency response coordinator for the healthcare coalition (Region 9) was able to participate in the Bloomsday Incident Command Post as a liaison to the hospitals

Spokane County 911:

- [Hiring for call receivers](#)

VA Hospital:

- The Washington State Guard and the VA Hospital was present for the 2019 Bloomsday with 50 beds, a command trailer and tents aiding runners that needed medical attention
- Planning for 2 stations next year for Bloomsday 2020
- September Preparedness Fair at the VA Hospital – If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact VA Hospital Emergency Manager, [Chris Jaklitsch](#)

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