



Spokane Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD):

Spokane Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) brings community partners together to foster greater community resiliency within Spokane County through: Cooperation, Coordination, Collaboration, and Communications.

COAD member organizations provide essential support to the community during times of crisis. Some recent examples of this include:

- November 2015 Windstorm – GSEM coordinated directly with COAD member organizations to provide welfare checks and request status updates from specific vulnerable populations. COAD provided assistance and support, including the acquisition of food and supplies for shelters. COAD volunteers also supported the door-to-door distribution of carbon monoxide educational materials throughout the response period.
- November 2016 & February 2017 Noro Virus Outbreak – COAD members provided volunteers, food, and supplies for the required responses; cleaning facilities, attending briefings and assisting with information dissemination, as well as demobilization of temporary shelter facilities.
- May 2017 Airway Heights Water Contamination – COAD leadership took on responsibility for recruiting, scheduling, and supervising the volunteers needed to staff the Community Point of Distribution (CPOD) providing bottled water to the citizens of Airway Heights. COAD members continued to assist and support the efforts of Fairchild AFB personnel even after the Air Force stepped in to take the lead in the response.

COAD members find many benefits in participating. The group meets the first Tuesday of every month, providing opportunities for networking, information sharing and education. The COAD also sponsors and assists with workshops, seminars, and community events throughout the Greater Spokane area. The COAD has a webpage (accessed through GSEM's webpage) which provides access to COAD documents and educational materials, as well as meeting agendas and minutes.

<https://www.spokanecounty.org/1903/COAD-Community-Organizations-Active-in-D>

2018 Activities:

- January – After-Action presentations made by member organizations who had deployed to 2016 California wildfires
- February – COAD Leadership forecasted monthly meeting topics based on the results of the **Region 9 Threat/ Risk Assessment & Vulnerability Analysis Report** ([Washington State Homeland Security Region 9 Regional Threat/ Risk Assessment & Vulnerability Analysis Report](#))
- March - the National Weather Service & GSEM presented on the topic of *flooding* and *long-term recovery* efforts
- April – Spokane County Fire District 3 Chief Cody Rohrbach provided a *wildfire susceptibility* report
- May - Dick Green, Director of Disaster Response for ASPCA, presented on the topic of *animal care and sheltering activities*; and Heather Kitchen, Program Specialist for GSEM, presented on *local animal care and sheltering activities*

- June - Back-to-back presentations on *infectious disease and emergency response* by Spokane Regional Health District’s epidemiologist, Betsy Bertelsen and Emergency Response Specialist, Cindy Thompson
- July – No meeting due to observance of Fourth of July.
- August - Spokane Sheriff Deputy, Chris Johnston, presented on the topic of *active threat*.



- September - Jon Richeson, Department of Homeland Security, Office of Infrastructure Protection, will present on *Critical Infrastructure*
- October – *2018 Wildfire Impact Briefing* by Guy Gifford of DNR, & a review of SRHD’s “Good to Go” Preparedness Campaign by Summer Warfield, SRHD
- November - *Winter Weather Forecast* by Andy Brown of NWS & (tentative) *Winter Weather, Transportation and ongoing projects* related to transportation within Spokane County, presented by Steve Turcott of WSDOT
- December - COAD Annual Report, Updates & Bylaw amendment voting

COAD Member Organizations:

911	City of Spokane
92 MSG Deputy FAFB EOC	Community Colleges of Spokane
Access 4 All Spokane	CSC/BNSF Railway
Adventist Community Services	Deaconess
Aging and Long-Term Care of Eastern WA	Department of Natural Resources
Air Force Retired	Department of Social and Health Services
American Red Cross	ESD-101
AmeriCorps - Spokane Service Team	EWU
AmeriCorps VISTA	EWU Master's & SRHD PHEPR
Arc of Spokane	EWU PD
ARES/RACES	FBI
Army Civil Affairs	FD 18 Samaritan's Purse
Associated Industries	Frontier Behavioral Health/ EW 211
AVISTA	Gonzaga University
BNSF Railway	Greater Spokane Emergency Management
Catholic Charities Spokane	Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency

City of Cheney	Spokane Regional Health District
Hope Animal Assisted Crisis Response	Spokane Schools
Inland NW Blood Center	HEART
Inland NW Fire Chaplains	HOPE
Kootenai Health	Spokane Service Team
LDS Church Emergency Communications	Spokane Sheriff's Office
LDS Public Affairs	Spokane Squadron Civil Air Patrol
Long Term Recovery Group	Spokane Transit Authority
Lutheran Disaster Response	Spokane Valley Fire Department
Medical Reserve Corps	Spokane Valley Partners
NAACP/SmartJustice/SPARL/AVP	Team Rubicon
National Weather Service	Umpqua Bank
Nazarene Church	United Way (Spokane County)
Neighborhood Watch	USPS
Nexus	VA Hospital
Northeast Community Center	Veterans Community Response
Northwest Center	WA CERFP Air National Guard
Numerica Credit Union	WA HRF Air National Guard
Providence	WA National Guard
Providence Family Medicine Residency Spokane	WA State Guard
Retired EMB Batt. Chief SVFD	WA VOAD
Retired Military	Washington Air National Guard Joint Surgeon, NGB
RN 8AMC	Washington Poison Center
Rockwood Retirement Communities	Washington State Emergency Management
Salvation Army	Whitman County
SCOPE	Whitman County VOAD
ServPro of Northeast Spokane	Whitworth University
SNAP	WSDOT
SNAP - NE	WSU
Solution Resources EAP	WSU Spokane Community Engagement
Spokane ACAC - A4A	WSU College of Nursing
Spokane Airports	WSU Spokane
Spokane Center for Independent Living	
Spokane COPS	
Spokane County	
Spokane County EMS	
Spokane County Fire District 3	
Spokane County Medical Examiner's Office	
Spokane County Medical Society	
Spokane Family Medicine	
Spokane Fire Department	
Spokane Fire District 8	
Spokane Public Library	
Spokane Public Schools	