

## Mission Statement

Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (COVOAD) is a network of voluntary organizations working together to encourage more efficient service delivery to people affected by disasters in the State of Colorado. COVOAD achieves this by facilitating effective cooperation, coordination, communication, and collaboration at all community levels, and by providing a platform to foster partnerships among non-profit and faith-based organizations, the private sector, and government agencies.

Who should be a COVOAD member?

- Voluntary organizations and faith-based groups engaged in disaster response
- Government emergency management at all levels
- Private sector partners that want to assist communities affected by disasters
- Other organizations and community groups with a mission in emergency response

*"The local, State, and Federal government, voluntary agencies, and others involved in disasters are like individual sand bags. Alone they cannot stop the flood, but together they are like an impenetrable wall of safety and security."*

Nancy Kelker  
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County, NC  
Office of Emergency Management

### Partial List of COVOAD Members

2-1-1 Colorado Collaborative  
Adventist Community Services Disaster Response  
Amateur Radio Emergency Service  
American Red Cross  
Baptist Men Colorado Springs  
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee  
Church of the Brethren Disaster Child Care  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
Church World Service  
Civil Air Patrol  
Colorado Association of Food Banks  
Colorado Baptist Disaster Relief  
Colorado Organization for Victims' Assistance  
Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation  
Colorado Volunteer Center Network  
Friends Disaster Service  
Friends of Man  
Girl Scouts - Mile Hi Council  
Greeley for God  
Humane Society  
Jefferson County RSVP  
Jewish Family Service  
Larimer County 4X4 Club (Mountaineers)  
Lutheran Disaster Services  
Mennonite Disaster Services  
Mountain Community Disaster Council  
Mountain Resource Center  
Nazarene Disaster Response  
Rocky Mountain Christian Church  
Southern Baptist Disaster Relief  
The Salvation Army  
United Methodist Committee on Relief  
United Way

### Associate Members

Colorado Division of Emergency Management  
Corporation for National and Community Service  
FEMA  
Office of Emergency Mgmt. (various city/county)



For more information on COVOAD, or to become a member, contact us at:  
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## Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster



*After a tornado ripped through Windsor and parts of Weld County, COVOAD member agencies stepped in to meet a host of critical community needs, including sheltering, mass feeding, donations management, volunteer coordination, crisis counseling, case management and call center operations. I encourage all emergency managers to build strong working relationships with their nonprofit and voluntary agency partners. The investment will result in stronger, more resilient communities.*

Roy Rudisill, Director  
Weld County Emergency Management

## What is COVOAD?

COVOAD is a network of agencies throughout Colorado working together to foster efficient delivery of resources to people affected by disasters. COVOAD is the state chapter of the larger National VOAD movement.

It is important to note that COVOAD, itself, is not a provider of disaster and recovery services. Its role is to support its members so that they may be more effective in their efforts.



Boulder, Colorado 2010

## What COVOAD Does...

- Supports its members' efforts by providing a forum that facilitates greater inter-agency coordination, communication, cooperation and collaboration ('The Four Cs')
- Enhances cooperation through all phases of disaster: preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation
- Assists emergency managers in connecting with COVOAD agencies and their resources in an event
- Supports cross-agency response planning, and supports exercise and training efforts
- Eliminates duplication of effort among member agencies
- Help address unmet needs of vulnerable populations in affected communities
- Assists in formation of Long Term Recovery Committees

## Benefits to Membership

Helps build partnerships:

- Provides a forum where members address challenges collectively
- Assists in leveraging the expertise of a vast network of non-profit organizations, faith-based agencies, government partners, and the private sector
- Aids local officials in identifying and accessing products and services of COVOAD member agencies

Facilitates information sharing on:

- Who does what in disasters
- Resources available through COVOAD's members
- Changes in government policies, programs, and services
- New initiatives through its membership
- Training and exercise opportunities

Provides a venue to:

- Meet and network with key personnel from agencies engaged in disaster
- Convene when there is a disaster response - before the event
- Raise issues and concerns
- Support response planning efforts

## Benefits to Private Sector Partners

Provides an effective and trusted method for businesses to engage in response efforts and support communities affected by disasters.

## What All Emergency Managers Need to Know....

COVOAD can facilitate access to much needed resources through its network of disaster relief agencies with minimal or no cost to your community.



Holly, Colorado 2007

The following are just some of the services available through COVOAD members:

- ✓ Management of unsolicited donations
- ✓ Management of spontaneous unaffiliated volunteers
- ✓ Debris removal
- ✓ Construction
- ✓ Mental Health/Spiritual Care Resources
- ✓ Mass Care (sheltering/feeding)
- ✓ Donation/volunteer support in EOC
- ✓ Financial aid
- ✓ Child care
- ✓ Animal evacuation and sheltering
- ✓ Veterinary services
- ✓ Food banks
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Information and referral call centers
- ✓ Communications
- ✓ Case management
- ✓ Long-term recovery

To activate the resources of COVOAD's members, call: 202-656-8623 (20COLOVOAD)