

WHO IS IN COAD?

COADs bring together organizations from all sectors of the community. Each participating organization in the COAD brings something different to the partnership. Our COAD seeks members interested in the following teams:

Animal Care
Case Management
Childcare & Children's Services
Communications
Community Assessment
Construction Management
Donations Management
Finance
Mass Care
Medical Service
Spiritual & Emotional Care
Special Needs & Other Adults Task Forces
Volunteer Coordination

If you would like to become a member of the Washington County COAD, please contact the COAD Secretary:
Bonnie Kester, by email at bkester@wchc.org



COAD Meetings

3rd Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm

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Donations Accepted. During local emergencies, please address monetary donations to "The Washington Betterment Foundation"

Memo line indicate "COAD".

A short presentation has been prepared to discuss this volunteer initiative in more detail. If you would like to have a presentation delivered to your service club or meeting site, please do not hesitate to contact Chrystal Woller at 319-653-7758 to set up a date and time.



Mission Statement: To assist in Preparing Washington County Communities for Disaster Response and Recovery.

Chrystal Woller, Chair
Tim Coffey, CO-Chair

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WHAT IS COAD?

A Community Organization Active in Disaster (COAD) is a local organization that exists under the Washington County Local Emergency Planning Committee to bring together stake-holders interested in volunteering to build a better prepared and more resilient community. COADs do not provide direct services, but provide a network through which individual organizations can more effectively address their mission and service goals during all four phases of disaster. COAD members maintain their autonomy while working to reduce duplication of services and other inefficiencies that occur during times of disaster.

Washington County COAD is in partnership with more than 30 local health and human service providers, government agencies, funding sources, faith-based organizations and others.

The Washington County COAD provides collaborative leadership in order to strengthen area-wide ongoing disaster coordination in the affected areas. COAD will share information and advocate for the most vulnerable, simplify access to service and jointly resolve disaster caused human recovery needs.

FOUR PHASES OF DISASTER

The COAD plays a role in all phases of disaster.

MITIGATION

Pre-emptive activities aimed at reducing the physical effects of disaster.

Addressing hazard risk.

PREPAREDNESS

Advance activities which improve personal and community disaster readiness.

Organizing and educating volunteers.

RESPONSE

Actions taken as the disaster occurs.

Providing support and services to directly impacted areas.

RECOVERY

Activities aimed at returning the community to its pre-disaster condition.

Advocating for disaster victims and connecting them to resources.

BENEFITS OF A COAD

When a COAD is organized effectively, both member organizations and the community at large reap the benefits.

These benefits include:

- Empowered communities
- Expedited local response
- Improved management of volunteers and donations
- Promotion of emergency education and preparedness
- A voice for concerned individuals in the community
- Resources for facilitating long term recovery
- Reducing service duplication
- Linkage with IA Disaster Human Resource Council
- Transparency of partner agencies
- Ability to work productively with Emergency Management
- Resources for Emergency Managers

