

Welcome & Intro

- The purpose of this call is to gain situational awareness regarding plans for deployment and current operations from each VOAD member and partner, as well as provide local VOAD and LTRG networks with an opportunity to share what their unmet needs are.
- Key Areas of Interest: Feeding, Childcare Assistance, PPE or Healthcare Providers
- If you have specific public health questions related to COVID-19, please visit the Texas Department of State Health Services Website (www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus)

Texas Division of Emergency Management – Mass Care

- Continues to coordinate with SOC and state public health agencies; many working remotely
- Please continue turning in SitReps for the SOC.
- PPE: short supply around the world and nation currently.
- Have seen requests about feeding (ie: 250 seniors usually fed in congregate settings that are no longer operational. Seeking a more sustainable model). Trying to explore waivers, funding streams and new models for congregate settings of mass feeding.
- Working closely with FEMA to explore mass feeding and sheltering – including the potential use of hotels given the circumstances
- Have PPE and willing to donate? Please reach out to your local EM. Many first responders and those out in the field are seeking PPE. TDEM is working with HHS to try and bring more PPE into the state

Texas Division of Emergency Management – Recovery

- Cost tracking – track expenditures and refer to the documents that Damian sent out
- Pending statewide declaration for SBA loans (no matter the locality or business vs nonprofit status)
- Resources available for cost tracking – spreadsheets and forms available on the TDEM website under the forms library.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

- Keeping website updated and trying to move more education to online and distance methods.
- Trying to move more resources to the website
- www.health.tamu.edu

Texas General Land Office

- On all state calls and responding to requests as needed
- Still focusing on Hurricane Harvey survivors and modifying certification methods
- *Hurricane Harvey* –
 - Enviro permits, as well as safety of staff and survivors is being analyzed. If survivors have questions, everything has been moved online or on the phone. Everyone from the agency is teleworking, yet all activities are still going on.
 - If construction workers are still able to work and maintain social distancing, they will keep working. Things are uncertain for the time being and the situation is being monitored; no face to face interactions are being held with survivors for the moment

FEMA Region VI

- The Public Assistance Guide Sheet was recently vetted by HHS and has been disbursed by Damian
- Two employees will be deploying to the new testing locations. Plans regarding the testing locations are still in progress and information will be distributed soon

Adventist Community Services

- Providing comfort kits, blankets, and masks to Denton County
- Denton County OEM may possibly open a warehouse (no decision has been made yet) and explored a partnership with ACS

American Red Cross

- All offices within the state are now teleworking unless a critical function
- Blood drives are continuing but there is a major shortage due to many blood drives being canceled.
- Mass care mission - sheltering procedure has been adjusted. Working with TDEM and Public Health Agencies to explore options.
- No shelters have been opened at this time.

Catholic Charities – Galveston / Houston

- Continuing to operate at minimal staff and doing needs assessments with Gulf Coast Regional VOAD

Catholic Charities – Ft. Worth

- Coordinating with Tarrant Co VOAD
- Utilizing VOLY.org for volunteers
- Looking to repurpose staff to allow for social distancing

Convoy of Hope

- 100 requests in 30 areas for supplies

Crisis Response Ministry

- Still active and on standby for emotional / spiritual care

Disability Rights Texas

- Closed offices to public

Feeding Texas

- Food banks are actively distributing food boxes.
- Working on innovative ways for grab-and-go lunches as well as backpacks
- Developing models for local distribution to stay in line with social distancing
- Many pantries are changing to box distribution
- Some pantries are closing, and Feeding TX is trying to find workarounds
- Seeking additional volunteers to help with local food banks

HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis Response

- Due to COVID-19, they will be suspending all activity nationwide

Houston Tool Bank

- Distributed PPE, chairs, and pop-up tents to partners

ITDRC

- Activated task force and currently providing technical resources around California, Texas and North Carolina

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod – Texas District

- Providing 300 baskets in the El Paso area via drive-through measures
- Also establishing a local clinic

Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response

- Re-directing people to fact-based sites
- Has gone to fully remote functions and still working with clients

Mission Presbytery

- Monitoring the situation and working remotely

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

- Moving compassion fatigue workshop to an online offering.

St. Vincent De Paul – North Texas

- Moved staff to telecommute. Volunteers will continue to meet clients, but not through home visits

Southern Baptist of Texas Convention

- Trying to organize churches to respond to local needs
- Trying to adjust response in mind of social distancing

Texas Crisis Resiliency Team

- Moved disaster spiritual care to online

The Salvation Army

- Focus will be locally based response
- Analyzing the situation, needs of public and safety of employees/volunteers

Texas Search and Rescue

- Ability to serve at food banks, deliver food as necessary and transport commodities

Americares

- Working with national HQ and analyzing differing approaches including continuity of operations including mobilizing supplies
- Many are working from home. Clinics continue to operate

Billy Graham Rapid Response Team

- 888.388.2683 (24-hour prayer line)

Central TX VOAD

- Monitoring situation and exploring how they can help

International Fellowship of Chaplains

- Monitoring currently; no broad scales deployments
- Many chaplains are continuing work in the field

OneStar Foundation

- Currently identifying ways to engage AmeriCorps*Texas members whose service sites have closed due to COVID-19.
- Staff are all working remote.
- Continues providing support to the State VOAD, coordinating with partners, as well as working in the State Operations Center.
- Working with the United Ways of Texas on messaging to the nonprofit community statewide.

Samaritan's Purse

- Churches are calling and asking for advice
- Small presence at warehouse in Coppell – stocked and ready for future disasters
- Monitoring and analyzing capabilities to respond to COVID

Tarrant County VOAD

- Working with Tarrant County OEM

Team Rubicon

- Continue to maintain core operations at a reduced capacity
- Engaging volunteer bases and can assist with manpower missions
- Providing logistical support to several municipalities

Texas Gulf Coast Regional VOAD

- Conducting a Needs Assessment

United Way of Texas

- Utilizing remote working
- Providing meal distribution for elderly or school age children
- Coordinating with 211 and staffing call centers
- Many UW have relief funds set up to meet local needs
- Links can be found on the United Way of TX website

Big Country VOAD

- Monitoring the situation and teleconferencing with partners.

Missions on Wheels

- Three social distancing compliant shower trailers on standby
- 3 bunk trailers available (not social distancing compliant) for VOADS

Rebuilding Together of El Paso

- Continuing essential repairs of homes
- Donated PPE to local university medical center

Denton County VOAD

- Denton Co resource page has been established to aggregate data and connect needs
- Local Food pantry supply concerns (including size of volunteer base or PPE for volunteers)

United Way of El Paso

- Focusing on coordinating with OEM and to support community partners with resources that they need
- Volunteer support is needed locally for the prepackaged boxes to be distributed in the community

Orange County Disaster Rebuild

- Canceled unmet Needs meeting with DCMs but are switching that to online meetings to meet Hurricane Harvey survivor needs

Next Meeting – 3.27.20 @ 11am