



# Tennessee Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

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TNVOAD Meeting Notes  
November 2, 2011  
TEMA, 3041 Sidco Drive,  
Nashville, TN 37201

## Call to Order

President Fred Dettwiller called the meeting to order at 1:01, CT and requested a roll call. Twenty six (26) were in attendance representing 10 Sustaining Agencies; 2 Associate Agencies, and 4 Collegial Agencies with visitors/guest. Fred opened the meeting, welcomed everyone. He then asked Terry Haight to lead an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Agenda

The president reviewed the agenda and requested any changes, no changes were made.

Agenda attached.

## Visitors/Guest

No special guest or new members noted

## Secretary's Report and Adoption of Minutes from August 10, 2011

Minutes from the August 10, 2011 meeting were e-mailed to the members of record approximately one week before the current meeting. Extra copies are available at the sign in table. The members in attendance were polled to make sure everyone had the opportunity to read the minutes, and if any requested the minutes be read. No corrections or additions noted. Bill Carr moved to accept and Henry Beaulieu seconded. Minutes approved with no opposition.

Minutes attached.

11 - 00

## Treasurer's Report

Brandon Hulette had a death in his family and could not attend the meeting. President Dettwiller gave a brief report that we had over \$7,000.00 in our checking account and the Citizen to Citizen Fund was almost zero.

## Announcements from President:

Fred asked David Knock to comment on the TNCAT12 exercise for this year.

This year's exercise will be an earthquake exercise on logistics for Middle and West Tennessee. There will be a workshop at TEMA on January 18, 2012. On February 22, 2012 there will be a table top exercise at TEMA and the full scale exercise will be held on June 20, 2012. The VOAD agencies are very important in this exercise and our agencies are encouraged to participate if possible. If your agency is interested in "playing", please let Gary Ward know.

Donicé Kaufman, from Bridges, asked if they have or would use some handicapped individuals in the exercise to make it real and help the various agencies understand their unique problems.

Keith Miller gave an update on the Amateur Radio Activities across the state. Through their series of repeaters, they have linked state wide with TEMA. If necessary they can set up satellite repeaters to access specific areas if needed. Their system is continuing to expand and they are ready to support any agencies throughout Tennessee.

Additional information, including a repeater map/coverage can be accessed at <http://mtears.org>. There is a hospital radio net at noon CT on the third Thursday of the month. There is a radio net each Monday at 8 PM CT that agencies Ham operators can check in on. The Meters web site should give you more information.

Fred reported that the Civil Air Patrol funding had been cut to almost nothing.

Fred reported that the Tennessee Airports need disaster plans and anyone wishing to assist should let him know.

Following the bylaws, the president appointed Gary Stockton and Brandon Hulette for the Nominating Committee. They are to report back at the February 2012 meeting with a slate of officers for 2012.

Fred opened a discussion of dues for next year. Sustaining membership currently is \$100.00 per year and ½ or \$50.00 for Associate Membership. The question was raised if we need to raise the dues and from the indication of our bank account it did not seem necessary. A motion was made by Marvin Lowman to hold the membership at \$100.00 per year for sustaining members and ½ that for Associate members and seconded by Gloria Loftin. The motion passed with no opposition. 11-00

Meeting dates for 2012

All meetings will be held at TEMA in Nashville unless there is a major conflict. The meeting time is from 1 PM CT to 3 PM CT.

February 15, 2012.

May 16, 2012.

August 15, 2012.

November 14, 2012

NVOAD meeting in Norfolk, VA on May 8 to 10, 2012

### **Report**

Terry Haight The importance of reporting Volunteer hours.

Jerry Johnson of the EMA Office for Bradley County reported that the county part of the federal funds was 12 % of the total awarded. The volunteer hours of the Adventist and Southern Baptist hours covered 11% of the 12 %. Other agencies had hours but they were not accounted for. The EMA's should be keeping track of the volunteer hours as it is a tremendous savings to the local tax payers. The VOAD agencies should be reporting the hours through VOAD and TEMA will make sure the hours are not counted twice. Agencies need to keep track of the volunteers, date, hours, and the jobs that were worked on. The present rate of credit is \$20.36 per hour. Agencies that have heavy equipment need to record these hours also and report to the two agencies.

The second issue for recording the volunteers and hours is for liability in case of injuries.

Gary Stockton said these hours and volunteers represent sufficient moneys that we cannot afford to lose during the present economy.

Donated goods should be counted through the Adventist warehouses if possible. The Adventist has procedures set up for tracking and accountability.

### **VOAD Agency Reports:**

#### **\*Adventist Community Services GA/Cumberland Conference**

They operated 4 warehouses during the storms. Warehouse only, Cleveland and Greenville, TN which are still operating. Warehouse/ Distribution combined in Griffen, GA which operated for about 4000 hours. A Distribution Center only in Apison, TN which operated for 6 weeks, operated for 2 months. Addison, TN operated for 6 weeks.

The Greenville, TN operation is for Aid Net for building supplies only.

#### **\*American Red Cross**

David Kitchen reported that their Disaster Action Teams worked 900 fires in Memphis area and 350 in the Nashville areas so far this year. During the past year the chapter has sent volunteers all across the United States.

Gloria Loftin reported they are still working with the Long Term Recovery Committees on the recovery from the floods but it is winding down. Cheatham County has 6 homes to finish. There are still monies in Middle TN for recovery in this area.

#### **\*Centerstone of Tennessee**

Centerstone of Tennessee received a grant for mental health work with the recovering flood victims. This grant has run out and they have applied for additional funds.

#### **\*Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee**

The Episcopal Diocese partnered with UMCOR to help the flood victims

#### **\*Lutheran Services of Tennessee**

This agency is still housing volunteers working of the flood recovery.

**\*MID TN Medical Reserve Corp.**

Just finished a training conference last week.

**UMCOR of Memphis**

Bill Carr reported they are still very busy responding to storm recovery in West Tennessee area. They are still working to develop a regional or county VOAD in the area.

**Bridges**

Donice Kaufman and Bill Carr discussed the potential of working with the disabled. They reported on a conference held in Eastern KY and were trying to set one up in TN. Gary Stockton reported that TEMA was working on addressing this part of society and should have a planning program soon. There is already a liaison to FEMA for the functional needs of these individuals.

Juli Gallup reported they were working to set up a VOAD type organization to help with these functional needs.

Terry Haight reported that news agencies are hungry for news item about VOAD agencies helping the community. We need to look for these stories to share with them.

**Unfinished Business**      None

**New Business**

David Kitchens reported that The Memphis ARC Chapter has a new Emergency Manager and should have a new CEO in a couple of weeks. They are working toward the establishment of a VOAD in that area.

Gary Ward reported that the Watts Bar exercise, a couple of weeks ago, found that a lot of the VOAD agencies resources list is out of date. He received some response from his request for current information and was working on more. Terry Haight said he had a thumb drive with the list that he would share with him. This must be kept up to date and reviewed every 6 months.

Gary also reported on a planned Financial Disaster Planning program that they were working on. This is to aid victims looking for lost records after a disaster.

Gary also expressed a concern that the denominations are a major part of disasters but the individual churches are mostly unaware of these activities.

VOAD needs a PowerPoint to show to senior TEMA management what their individual agencies bring to the table during disasters. This was needed yesterday and needs to be put together as soon as possible.

TEMA is hosting an EOC's workshop/table top at Parris Landing State Park in a couple of weeks. This conference is to define the job of the EOC's and the physical arrangements of the EOC. At present the conference/facility is full.

**Next Meeting**

Scheduled for 2012: All meetings to be held at the TEMA EOC, 3041 Sidco, Dr., Nashville TN / 1 PM CT to 3 PM CT  
*February 15, 2012*  
*May 16, 2012*  
*August 15, 2012*  
*November 14, 2012*

The president announced that the next meeting would be on February 15, 2012 from 1 PM to 3 PM Central time at TEMA, Nashville, TN.

Fred Dettwiller closed the meeting at 3:15.

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## TENNESSEE VOAD BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012

### Anticipated Income - 2012

#### Memberships

##### 2011 Membership Dues\*

31 Renewing Sustaining Members	\$3,100.00
5 Renewing Associate Members	\$250.00

\* Assumes all current members renew at the current dues level of \$100.00 for Sustaining Members and \$50.00 for Associate and Affiliate Memberships

<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$3,350.00</b>
Residual income 2012	\$7,823.64
total projected income 2012	\$11,173.64

### Anticipated Expenditures - 2012

#### Fees and Filing Expenses

\$0.00

#### Website Hosting & Service

\$750.00

#### Memberships, Conferences and Travel

EMAT 2012 Membership Dues	\$50.00
EMAT 2012 Conference Expenses	\$800.00
NVOAD 2012 Membership Dues	\$35.00
NVOAD 2012 Conference Expenses	\$3,000.00
Other In-State Travel Reimbursements	\$1,000.00

#### Postage and Supplies

TN VOAD Promotional Materials	\$500.00
Postage and Mailing	\$100.00
Office Supplies / Membership Certificate Stock and Seals	\$100.00

#### TN VOAD Meeting Expenses

Luncheons (4X\$300.00)	\$1,200.00
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<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$7,535.00</b>
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